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The gayest of seasons marked Christmas, 1909. The greatest home festival was this season the merriest in the history of the city, and a fitting culmination of the most lucrative holiday season ever experienced here. Christmas toasts were drunk in the best of all champagne, G. H. Mumm's Selected Brut and Extra Dry. The excellent wines of G. Preller—Preller's Claret, Sauterne and Burgundy—graced many a table, and the good Rhine Wines of Deinhard & Co. were also splendidly represented, many standing with glass in hand and singing:—

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HIS REFUGE IN MEXICO

Former President of Nicaragua is Now Practically a Prisoner

FAVORITES MUST MAKE RESTITUTION

Steps Taken By New Minister May Avoid General Tax Imposition

SALINA CRUZ, Dec. 27.—Jose Santo Zelaya, former president of Nicaragua, arrived here on the Mexican gubato General Guerrero today. After repeated refusals, he granted an interview to the Associated Press. He said he would leave tonight for Mexico City and remain there six months. He would, he added, address his thanks to President Diaz for the latter's kindness to him.

U.S. Admiral Calls
MANAGUA, Dec. 27.—Rear-Admiral Wm. W. Kimball, in command of the U.S. warships at Corinto, arrived at Managua today on a special train. He was accompanied by Geo. T. Wetzel, secretary of the United States legation at Panama, and two naval aides. The object of Admiral Kimball's visit was to pay an unofficial call on President Madriz. A great crowd at the station gave the Americans a cordial greeting, which they drew to a hotel in the presidential carriage. It was rumored that the visit might mean the recognition of President Madriz by the United States. Rear-Admiral Kimball, however, was positive in his assertion that he called on the president only in his private capacity.

Ernesto Martinez, the former finance minister, whose arrest was ordered on the charge of misappropriation of public funds, has escaped to Granada. Joaquin Pasos, Zelaya's son-in-law, is now under arrest on a similar charge, while Joaquin Navas, a millionaire from Leon, is also in the hands of the authorities. He is charged with obtaining \$30,000 of the public money from Zelaya for the surrender of the hide concession, which was improperly granted to him.

Must Make Restitution
The belief is general that there will be a restitution of millions by the large number of persons who have been permitted by the former government to enjoy large gains through concessions to which they were not entitled and in other ways. This may mean that the imposition of a general tax will be avoided. The financial condition of the present government is such that it has been unable to obtain credit for four for the army.

It is announced on reliable authority that Mexico has formally accepted the responsibility for Zelaya's personal safety and has agreed to prevent his return to Nicaragua. The status of the ex-President is practically that of a prisoner.

The minister general has abrogated the agreement compelling the payment of six per cent. of the duties by means of government bonds. Hereafter duties will be payable in cash only. This action leaves a quantity of these bonds, which are now worthless, in the hands of Pasos and other favorites of Zelaya, who bought the bonds from Zelaya at 45 and sold some of them to the public at 105.

NORMAL STUDENTS

Results of Examinations at Institution in Vancouver Announced.

The following is the list of students of the Provincial Normal school at Vancouver, to whom diplomas have been granted for the preliminary session, 1909: Elizabeth Aestle, Alice Balkwill, Edith L. Berry, Helena J. Blake, Mary J. Bolton, Florence M. Howell, Winifred E. Bruce, Edith H. Calverick, Margaret Cattel, Ella J. Cavalsky, Elsie Chastler, Helen Ruth Clark, M. Emmeline Corbett, M. Grace Corbett, Ruth A. E. Cordingley, Laura V. Cousins, Mary S. Croft, Jessie A. Davidson, Stella V. Ferguson, Bertha L. Fessant, Ina Fierheller, E. Lavinia Ford, Edith C. Forrest, Hazel Frame, John R. Fuller, Gert-

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The advanced session will commence on Wednesday, January 5, 1910 according to announcement today by Mr. William Burns, B. A., principal.

CHARLES E. RACE KILLED

Former Proprietor of Rossland Newspaper Blown to Pieces By Premature Blast in Mexico.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27. C. E. Race, former proprietor of the Rossland Miner newspaper, was blown to fragments by the premature explosion of a blast in his mine at Durango, Mexico, a few days ago.

Killed at Sault.

SAULT STE MARIE, Ont., Dec. 27.—John Gordon, address unknown, was killed by a pile of lumber falling on him while he was standing on the wall of the lock watching the workmen. John Erickson, of Steelton, was badly injured, and may die.

Woman and Child Burned.

ENGLEHART, Ont., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Hays and her two children perished in a fire that destroyed the stopping place kept by her, early this morning. The place was situated about nine miles from Elk Lake. There are no particulars, but it is supposed the victims were asleep when the fire broke out.

MR. HENEY ASKS HEAVY DAMAGES

Brings Suit for Libel Against Millionaire Crocker in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The formal complaint in the damage suit of Francis J. Heney, the prosecutor in the San Francisco graft cases, against W. H. Crocker, the California millionaire, for \$250,000, on an allegation of libel, was filed here today.

Mr. Heney bases his action on an open letter bearing Mr. Crocker's name which appeared in a New York evening newspaper on Dec. 3, in which Mr. Crocker defended his action in first supporting the Heney prosecutions and later withdrawing his support.

James M. Bey, counsel for Mr. Heney, said today: "As soon as Mr. Crocker's letter was published Mr. Heney telegraphed me to bring suit." Mr. Heney nearly gave his life to the cause of exposing corruption of San Francisco grafters in an honorable and legitimate way. In the heat of the election contest in San Francisco many charges were made by irresponsible men against Mr. Heney, but when Mr. Crocker assumed the responsibility for these charges and gave them wider circulation in a responsible organ of public opinion, Mr. Heney felt that his opportunity had come to have a jury of his fellow-countrymen determine the justice or the injustice of the accusations against him.

"In San Francisco the graft prosecutions have so divided the people into hostile camps, that it would seem to me a matter of exceedingly difficulty to secure a jury which would consider the questions involved with absolute impartiality. In New York, however, there can be no selfish interests in the issue, which grew out of the San Francisco graft prosecutions, and here, therefore, a jury can be selected which can impartially and fearlessly judge between Mr. Crocker's grave accusations and Mr. Heney's account of his stewardship as a public official."

Tong War in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Tong feuds broke out again in Chinatown tonight. One Chinaman Lo Jong, was shot dead, and Lu Yi Fong was mortally injured. Three Chinamen who did the shooting escaped. A peace treaty was signed recently by the 11th Street Tong and the Loong Tong. The assassins are said to have been members of the latter society.

Great Increase in Crop Value.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—An increase of \$100,000,000 in the value of Canadian crops is shown in the final estimates of 1909 production issued by the census department. An area of 30,085,556 acres of field crops has yielded a harvest which, computed at local market prices has a value of \$532,992,100, as compared with \$432,534,000 from 27,505,663 acres last year.

Sad News for Family.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 27.—News of the death of Thomas Henderson, of Cobalt, by falling down a shaft in the Symfine silver mine, was received this morning. The family had just received and opened his box of Christmas presents when the news reached his home.

RAILWAY MEN MAY STRIKE

Possibility of Other Workers Joining Switchmen Who Are Now Out

COMPANIES REFUSE CONCESSION ASKED

Orders Allied With Federation of Labor Look For Spread of Strike

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 27.—Contrary to the prognostications of Governor Eberhart, the controversy between the railroads of the northwest and the striking switchmen did not end in an amicable settlement today, and according to officials of the switchmen's union of North America the breach is wider than heretofore.

Not only have the switchmen declared all negotiations with the railroads terminated, but the labor leaders say there is a strong possibility of a general strike of all the allied orders belonging to the railway branch of the American Federation of Labor.

Conductors, engineers, firemen, trainmen and many switchmen are not affiliated with the federation. H. B. Perham, who has been acting as chairman of the railway council in session at St. Paul, tonight started for Washington to seek the aid of federal officers. It was his opinion that if his efforts to procure intervention failed there would be a general strike of railway men controlled by the American Federation of Labor, President Harvey of the Switchmen's Union.

"Several members of the railway council of the American Federation of Labor, besides Mr. Perham, left for their headquarters tonight to make preparation for a strike of their respective orders."

Mr. Perham said he would reach Washington on Thursday. He would not say what department at Washington he would ask to intervene. He said he might seek to interest the interstate commerce commission, or he might take the case direct to President Taft.

In the conference between the railroads and the labor leaders today the Railroad officials refused to take back striking switchmen, except as they had places for them. They gave the switchmen until Wednesday to accept the offer which was immediately rejected.

Vancouver's Building Record

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Vancouver's building permits today went over the seven million mark for the year.

China Enters Complaint

PEKIN, Dec. 27.—The Chinese government today formally complained to Japan against the violation of Manchurian telegraph convention. The complaint purported to show that the Japanese were guilty of extending telegraph and telephone lines and traffic in Manchuria. China appeals to the Japanese foreign office, which signed the telegraph convention, to terminate the violation of the convention, and to continue the payment of telegraph royalties, which the Japanese government suspended two months ago.

BIG ADDITION TO EMPRESS HOTEL

Plans Approved By Montreal Authorities—Sixty-Eight New Bedrooms

The plans for the addition to the Empress Hotel, costing, when completed and furnished in the neighborhood of \$150,000, have been approved by the Montreal authorities, and have arrived in Victoria. The plans call for the addition to be built over the existing kitchen annex, the superstructure to be of six storeys, the architecture in keeping with the rest of the building. Tenders have been advertised for.

The addition will contain 68 bedrooms. These will be on a par with the accommodation provided in the rest of the hotel. The structure will have a steel skeleton buttressed by brick. A concrete sloping roof, composed of inches of solid slab, with gables, will surmount the whole. Abutting on each of the first four storeys, rearward above the kitchen annex, will be balconies, terminating the corridors leading into the different bedrooms.

A feature of the building will be the fact that all the wood work used in the construction must be composed of timber grown in British Columbia. The timber to be used will be sound fire, free from all defects.

The flooring on each storey will be of terrazzo, a two inch layer of marble being laid on a concrete base. The building will run continuously from the first to the sixth floor.

An elaborate telephone system will be installed throughout the addition, while the vacuum installation at present in use will be extended. Tenders will be called in Victoria and Vancouver for the addition within the next few days, and as soon as the contract is awarded construction will be commenced. It will probably be completed and ready for occupation before the end of next year.

DEDICATION OF PEMBERTON CHAPEL

The dedication of the Pemberton Chapel at the Provincial Jubilee Hospital takes place at 2.30 o'clock tomorrow.

FREDERICK REMINGTON

Well Known Artist and Illustrator, of the West Falls Victim to Appendicitis.

RIDGEFIELD, Conn., Dec. 27.—Frederick Remington, the artist, died here yesterday of appendicitis after a brief illness. He was operated on last Thursday. Remington came here last May to make this his permanent residence. He was in his forty-eighth year, and was a native of Canton, N. Y., to which place the body will be taken this afternoon. Remington was married to Miss Eva Catton, of Gloversville, N. Y., who survives him.

"He knew the horse; he pictured the vanishing west." These characteristic inscriptions will probably be placed on the tomb of Frederick Remington. Both were suggested by the artist himself some years ago. He first attracted attention by his representations of horses, and later took up the work of illustrating the west of the cowboy and the broncho-buster. In great degree this west has vanished, save in such pictures as Remington's.

Two Drowned Near Nelson.

NELSON, Dec. 27.—George Northern and Herbert Cole lost their lives, and Charles Melvor escaped drowning through the overturning of their canoe in Kootenay lake, opposite Procter, on Sunday afternoon. The men were employees of Watts' sawmill. The men were returning home after coming to Procter for medicine, and it is supposed that floating ice upset the canoe. Melvor clung to the boat and was subsequently rescued. Cole's body was found lower down the river. Both men were about 22 years old and unmarried.

WILL PRY INTO LEGAL ACCOUNT

City Council Wants Details of Charges Made By Civic Legal Advisers

The members of the city council are strong on details. Accordingly, when at last night's meeting of the council a bill from the city solicitors and the city barrister for extra services was being considered, the majority of the board decided that before the report of the finance committee recommending that the bill be paid was adopted an itemized bill must be produced.

The bill was for legal services rendered during 1909 and it evidently was itemized enough to pass the majority of the finance committee. The council did not have the various items before it and accordingly it will not be paid until the other members of the board have an opportunity of seeing what the bill is really like and whether it is in sufficient detail to satisfy their curiosity.

When the report of the finance committee was read Alderman Fullerton objected on the ground that no details were given. He wanted to know how the city solicitors and the city barrister figured up the amount of \$2,800. How did the legal gentlemen figure out their "overtime?"

Mayor Hall explained the bill was for services in connection with the settlement of the E. & N. litigation as well as other matters.

Alderman Raymond asked if it were not a case that the solicitors are paid a monthly salary and the barrister a retainer to do the city's work, and Alderman Stewart stated there was a detailed bill though Alderman Henderson, chairman of the finance committee, would not sign the report as he did not consider it was detailed enough.

Wants More Details

Alderman Henderson explained that the reason he did not sign the bill was because the barrister is entitled to a retainer of \$1,000 a year and in special cases perhaps to more, but in such special cases the council is entitled to details. The city solicitors receive a monthly salary which, if not sufficient, they should say so. Only recently the council has given the solicitors another \$40 per month for an extra stenographer and in addition they receive costs in any cases where the city wins. The city barrister had, Alderman Henderson admitted, done much extra work, but he should give a detailed statement of his charges for such work. A week ago Mr. Taylor's bill had been \$1,500 which the finance committee had refused to pass and now it was \$2,800 of which about \$700 was the solicitors.

Alderman Stewart declared he was no advocate of a policy of throwing away money. There may have been some dissatisfaction with the legal services which the city has received but that legal service was but a mere bagatelle to the aid which the city received from the barrister and solicitors. Alderman Stewart eulogized the barrister and declared there is altogether too much chicanery in respect to the legal department.

Alderman McKeown also advocated paying the bill, while Alderman Hunter wanted to know if the present bill included anything for the city barrister's trip to the Old Country early in the year. Mayor Hall stated that such was not the case.

On Alderman Turner's suggestion the matter was held over until later when it could be considered. Alderman Mable pointed out that the council had no reason to doubt but that the amount asked for is correct and the majority of the finance committee favored payment, but to please the balance of the council it might be as well to leave it over until the details were known.

LOSS OF LIFE IN WILD GALE

Thirty-Three Known Dead in Storm That Swept U. S. Eastern Coast

SEVERAL VESSELS BLOWN ON ROCKS

Eighteen Deaths Counted Up New York and Its Vicinity

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The probable loss of the big five-masted schooner, Davis Palmer and her crew of twelve men, off Boston harbor, and the wrecking of nine other vessels along the Massachusetts coast may be but part of the toll taken by the sea in the great storm which swept New England on Saturday night and Sunday. Cape Cod is still cut off, with the exception of its northern tip, where there is a wireless station. With the restoration of communication with the storm swept section, marine disasters and storm damage unequalled in years may be known. Wreckage borne into Boston harbor by an unusually high tide is believed to be the mute witnesses of the loss of the Davis Palmer, from Newport, N. Y., for Boston, somewhere off the entrance to the harbor.

The three-masted schooner Nantasket was hurled ashore at Scituate. Volunteer life savers, using the breeches buoy, rescued her crew of ten men. It is probable that the vessel, which lies on the sand high on the beach, will be a total loss. She was bound for Boston from North Carolina with lumber.

The schooner Belle Halliday, after grounding on Saturday and being refloated, was again hurled against the shore at Brant Point, Nantucket, where she is still exposed to the fury of the sea. The fate of her crew is unknown, but it is believed that they have been rescued. She was bound for Nantucket from Philadelphia with railroad iron.

On the rocky shores of Martha's Vineyard, where the shores are being swept by every sea. They are the A. K. McLean, a British vessel bound from Perth Amboy to Halifax, and the Stonington, Maine, schooner Maud Seward. Port Reading for Provincetown. Both crews have been taken to land. At Provincetown the sloop Bonito, at the mercy of the waves, and in the flats of Plymouth harbor are four small schooners, all of which will probably be refloated with little damage.

The work of filling the gaps in the wire systems in railroad and trolley lines occupies hundreds today. Tonight the telegraph companies reported a capacity of about 25 per cent. or normal.

Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and Rhode Island suffered most, and are still in the most demoralized condition, as far as wire service goes. Many places in southeastern Massachusetts have not had a railroad train for two days.

Up to noon today fifteen lives were known to have been sacrificed, three in Chelsea and twelve through the loss of the schooner Davis Palmer. At that time it was still believed that the list of casualties was incomplete.

New York Suffers

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Eighteen persons in and near New York perished in the Christmas storm or from accidents caused by it. Six died from exposure after being caught in snowdrifts, and others were drowned and several were killed by train. Today New York was rapidly digging itself out from cover of ten inches of snow. By noon traffic conditions approached normal as a result of the labor of nearly 10,000 men in the employ of the city and traction lines, while steam railroad conditions also were rapidly improving.

C. P. R. TRAIN SERVICE

Express Trains Nos. 1 and 2 to Be Discontinued as Through Service For Three Months.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—C. P. R. transcontinental express trains Nos. 1 and 2, operating between Vancouver and Montreal, are to be discontinued as a through service next Sunday for a period of three months. A new timetable for the Pacific division of the railway is now being prepared, and it will go into effect at 2.01 o'clock next Sunday. It is expected by C. P. R. officials that on or about April 1, 1910, the double daily transcontinental service will be resumed.

Trains Nos. 1 and 2 are to be discontinued between Vancouver and Calgary and between Winnipeg and Montreal. They will continue in operation between Winnipeg and Calgary. It is stated that passenger traffic between Winnipeg and Calgary during the ensuing three months will be heavy enough to justify the operation of the service between these two points.

Trains Nos. 36 and 37 will continue in service as at present. Between Vancouver and Kamloops some two or three extra cuts are being added to the schedule of Nos. 36 and 37, in order that those trains may furnish services to places between these two points which are now served by trains Nos. 1 and 2. No other changes in train service on the Pacific division are contemplated at present.

Bride Commits Suicide.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Louis Firth who was married to Daniel J. Firth of Shelburne five days ago took poison at the place where they were boarding, 14 Lakeside avenue, and died at 8 o'clock tonight. It is believed to be a case of suicide, as she is said to have whispered to her husband before she died: "I took the poison, and I am sorry for it."

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AWAIT SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Many Important Questions to Come Before Provincial Government

The spell of the holidays still lingered at the Provincial Government offices yesterday, and—because of the absence on Christmas holidaying of three of the ministers—several pending items of public business stand over until, with the return of all departmental heads, a meeting of the executive is possible.

One of the most interesting of these deferred matters is crystallized in reports that have come to hand during the past few days. One of these is from Mr. F. C. Campbell, who was a few months ago appointed government agent at isolated Fort St. John, far away in the interior of the British Columbia corner of the great Peace river country, and who now submits a long and instructive resume of conditions in that part of the province, which will be taken up at the first assembling of the Cabinet.

Incidentally it may be stated upon the authority of the Premier that the report recently given publicly by publication of the journals of the provinces, to the effect that British Columbia contemplates an arrangement with the Royal Northwest Mounted Police similar to that of Alberta and Saskatchewan, for the policing of the Provincial corner of the Peace river watershed on the eastern side of the mountains, is without foundation. The Province feeling itself quite competent to effectively police every portion of provincial territory, and believing that this method of procedure will be in the best interest of all.

To Bella Coola Hinterland.

Another of the reports referred to comes from Angus K. Stuart, the explorer, who has been investigating the northernmost portion of what is officially classed the Bella Coola district, particularly with the specific object of locating a shorter and more economical route of ingress by which settlers and their effects may reach available public lands in the interior. Such a route it is understood has been found, and entrance from the ocean waterway being had by means of Dean Channel and the Salmon river. By this route it is believed that not only will the Bella Coola country be rendered more accessible, but also the Francis and Ootsa lake districts, and northern Cariboo.

The third of the reports referred to is from Louis Hinds, and deals with the western section of the proposed inter-provincial wagon road, a public work of extra-importance close to Hon. Mr. Taylor's heart, construction of which will, it is believed, be initiated in the very near future. Surveyors are to be sent out shortly to investigate each of the three alternative routes that have been suggested for this road, while during the current winter systematic observations are to be made as to the snowfall on each.

and the question of favorable gradients will be carefully studied.

Juvenile Delinquents.

Although Hon. Mr. Bowser has not yet returned from Vancouver, where he spent Christmas with his family, it is learned at his department that legislation is now being prepared for presentation at the forthcoming session of the House providing for the general application throughout the province (at the initiative of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council) of the Juvenile Delinquents' Act, the principle of which has been received with general approval throughout British Columbia. As a natural sequence the establishment of juvenile courts in the cities of Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Nelson, Kamloops and Prince Rupert may be looked for at an early date.

No Change.

With respect to a Christmas Eve news telegram from Edmonton, stating that Premier Rutherford is anxiously awaiting this government's decision as to the suggested co-operation of the provinces in the establishment of immense elevators for the handling of Alberta and Saskatchewan grain, at Vancouver and New Westminster, Premier McBride said yesterday to "The Colonist" that there is nothing to be added as to the decision, announced after executive consideration of the proposals in this regard advanced through Mr. E. H. Heaps. The Government of British Columbia feels itself unable to entertain the proposals in question.

DEDICATION OF PEMBERTON CHAPEL

Beautiful Adjunct to Jubilee Hospital to Be Opened Tomorrow.

The dedication ceremony in connection with the opening of the new Royal Jubilee hospital chapel, which has been built for and donated to the institution through the generosity of Mrs. J. D. Pemberton will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The chapel has accommodated for 200 people, but it is expected that many more will be present at the dedicatory service which promises to be of an unusually interesting character. The church has been artistically painted and decorated for the occasion, this work having been carried out by Mrs. Beaulieu of this city, assisted by Miss Batchelor of Vancouver.

The chapel has been built and dedicated by Mrs. Pemberton, who stipulates that its uses shall be purely of a consecrated nature. It is a building of a wonderfully beautiful interior, and a tribute to its excellence was paid by the Bishop of Chichester during his recent visit to Victoria in the statement that had he been consulted in the matter he could not have suggested anything more perfect. It was designed by J. C. Keith, the local architect.

Will Meet Thursday.

As New Year's eve falls on Friday the usual date for the meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee of the city council, that body will meet on Thursday evening. Prior to the meeting a special meeting of the council will be held at which certain bylaws to be submitted to the ratepayers will be given their third readings and the electric light committee of the council will also hold a short session.

BROUGHTON ST. SITE IS SOLD

Flumerfelt Property on Corner of Douglas Doubles in Value in Two Year's Time

Doubling in value in two years and exemplifying the growth of Victoria through the enhancement of its real estate values a piece of property comprising a lot on the northwest corner of Douglas and Broughton streets owned by A. C. Flumerfelt was purchased yesterday by one of the city's most prominent merchants. The property was purchased by Mr. Flumerfelt two years ago at what was considered a high figure at the time. The broker who put through the deal prophesied that the value of the property would double in two years' time and his prediction was justified by yesterday's sale. The transaction was for spot cash.

The property is an ideal one for the carrying on of a business undertaking, centrally situated and possessing frontages on streets which are daily becoming greater arteries of the city's traffic. It is one of the many interesting sales put through during the past few weeks, and is illustrative of the faith which the prominent business men repose in the future prosperity of the city.

The buoyant character of the realty market has continued throughout the holiday season and yesterday many important deals pending were concluded.

The fact that Victoria is looming larger as a field for investment than native Victorians quite realize is witnessed by the fact that a number of Vancouver men arrived Sunday and yesterday with a view to examining the situation. All look for unprecedented activity during the approaching spring.

From the South comes the same story. A gentleman returning from Portland yesterday stated that this city has attracted the attention of capitalists there. The railway policy and the impending railway construction with all the activity always attendant thereon has focussed attention upon British Columbia's capital.

School Entertainment.

The Sunday school entertainment in connection with St. Barnabas' church, will take place tonight. Prizes will be awarded those who have qualified for them, and medals will be presented to those successful in competitions. Besides there will be an excellent programme prepared and staged by the children for the most part. It follows: Instrumental, A. Longfield; song, Miss Frances Norris; violin and piano, Hazel and Irene Shaw; tableaux, "Bo Peep," Mary Jones; tableaux, "Fairies," Nellie Sinclair, Claris Watson, Dorothy Wilkerson, and Laura Wodley; "Fairy in Automobile," "Live Dankey," George Norris, V. Miller, R. Ridout; Shadowgraphs; "Santa Claus in a Steamer."

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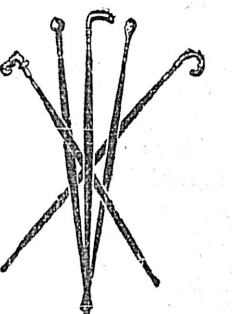
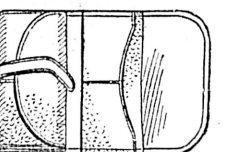
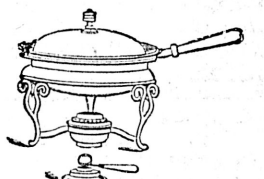
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While Christmas Eve passed away in comparative quiet so far as law and order was concerned the police gathered in the usual number of ordinary drunks and two batches of would-be Jack Johnstons. The drunks were turned loose without fines on Christmas morning according to custom but the pugilists were not so leniently treated and contributed to the city's coffers.

Both fights occurred on Johnson street. Policeman J. Farren, who isn't a big man as policemen go but who has enough sand to build a house in his make-up—was patrolling his beat late in the evening when a fine row started on Johnson street. It was at that time of the evening when the flowing bowl had got in its fine work and the streets were filled with orators, soloists and physical culturists. One man met another and the policeman, who had really discovered the pole but that a lot of zealous mutts wanted to freeze him out. The other man allowed that Cook was a liar and that his friends were the same. Well, the argument had been going on for some few minutes when Policeman Farren hastened up and grabbed two of the assailants. He held them apart by main force, one at the end of each arm while the crowd hooted and jeered in the highly intelligent and helpful manner that such crowds employ on such occasions. A third man who was arguing with the two who were captured ran around the policeman and his prisoners in the hope of getting a chance to kick him.

Plaudits From Populace.

Then one of the two men already in custody and whom Farren was endeavoring to rush toward a patrol box, jerked his arms around and fastened his hands in Farren's throat. This bit of juggling pleased the crowd greatly and there was much cheering. Farren loosened his hold on the fighting man and reached for his club. He got the baton out but as he raised it the prisoner snatched it from him and threw it into the crowd, after which he began to beat the officer about the head. Farren, despite the beating he was receiving, held to both men with the gameness of a bulldog and never once called for assistance. Slowly but surely he was dragging his men to the patrol box. His club was gone and his heavy cork helmet was smashed to shreds and yet he didn't let go. Things might have been bad for the plucky policeman but at the psychological moment Detective Heather, to whom a good mill is better than a good meal, arrived on the scene. Heather captured the third man and rang in an alarm for the patrol.

It was not long after this when, on the same street, three other gentlemen who had been celebrating the joyous occasion to the limit of their funds and physical ability became entangled in a whirlwind of fists and verbs. They had been swinging "haymakers" for some time with great application and concentration when a man in plain clothes came up and requested them to desist. He told them that he was a police officer and that although he was off duty he was bound to enforce the law. This innovation seemed to please the three belligerents mightily. It was a joke. They thereupon started in to thrash the stranger soundly.

But that was where they erred badly.

The Sad Error.

Unfortunately the stranger upon whom they decided to commonly vent their several spleens was Malcolm Blackstock, the "anchor" of the police tug-of-war team and probably one of the huskiest men in Victoria.

Blackstock's derby hat had been knocked into a burst and he was reaching out and without any apparent effort gathered two of his assailants into his arms. He laid them side by side on the pavement and put his knees on their chests. Then, while the boys vainly with their fists and called for mercy Blackstock sought to get a grip on the third man. The third man was too lively however, and a stranger from the crowd that had gathered to witness the incident went to the officer's assistance. The pugilistic individual grappled with the newcomer and tore his waistcoat from him before he was finally captured and taken with the two men Blackstock had pinned down, to the police station. In the police court yesterday two of the men who attacked Policeman Farren gave their names as Charles Johnston and Joe McSorley. They were charged with taking part in an affray and Johnston, singly, was charged with assaulting a police officer. McSorley, when his name was called did not appear and his bail of \$25 was forfeit. Johnston paid, in all, \$27.25, being assessed for the loss of the club and the helmet.

Then it came to the turn of the three gentlemen who had, unfortunately, chosen Policeman Blackstock as their mark. They gave the names of John Boucott, J. Cameron and M. Cameron and they pleaded that the policeman was in plain clothes and that he did not tell them that he was an officer of the law until after the fight had lasted for some time. They also declared that they had been attacked by some men while they were making their way up the street and that they had fought only in self-defense.

Thrifty Souls.

However they were ordered to contribute the regular amount and costs and then the man who had smashed Officer Blackstock's dicer was made to pay for a new hat. He paid and then, said he:

"Your honor, if I have to pay for that hat I'd like the privilege of taking the old one."

This privilege was graciously granted and the court then turned to the man who had torn the waistcoat of the civilian who went to Blackstock's assistance.

"You'll have to have that mended," said the court. "You will pay the tailor's bill."

"Your honor," the prisoner interposed, "if it's all the same to you could I take the gentleman's vest home and have my wife mend it? She's handy with the needle and the wife and it'd be cheaper, your honor."

This request too, was granted and then, the case against one Beynton, a vag, having been remanded until today, court adjourned.

Will Not Receive.

Owing to illness in their home Mayor and Mrs. Hall will not receive on New

Year's day. Mrs. Hall's mother is quite ill and it has been decided not to keep open house as has been done on previous years.

Christmas at St. Joseph's.

Christmas at Saint Joseph's Hospital was indeed a day of jubilation; nothing that could lessen the sufferings or disperse the loneliness of those unable to reach the family hearth, was forgotten. A sumptuous dinner, including the traditional plum-pudding, was served; and in the early afternoon Christmas carols and Christmas airs were rendered by members of St. Andrew's Cathedral choir. Prof. Bantley was at the organ, and Mr. Frank Selby, leader, and the pianist afforded the inmates of the institution must have been a great satisfaction to those who were instrumental in giving them this pleasure. Mr. J. G. Brown sang admirably well, and his rendition of "The Dream of Paradise" awakened much joy. Sister Superior and the Sisters in charge of the hospital tender their sincere thanks to those who thus contributed to making Christmas 1909 a most pleasurable day.

HEAVIEST MAIL IN CITY'S HISTORY

Christmas Presents By Parcel
Post and Letters Kept the
Officials Busy

If you can call to mind a great, overgrown gramophone-like structure, into one end of which invisible hands pour tons and tons of letters and parcels, and from the other end of which a steady stream of parcels and letters pours into the homes of Victoria, you will have a vague idea of the part the Victoria post office has played in the distribution of cheer this glad Christmas. Within the structure are Postmaster Shakespeare, Assistant Cairns, the regular staff and the specials, they are the machinery of the place, and the amount of mail they turned loose in Victoria during the last four days would make the uninitiated stare.

To give a comparative idea of quantity, the post office handled one-third more mail this Christmas than it ever did before in its history. And this was done, too, under disadvantageous circumstances; for the fact that Sunday fell immediately after Christmas, and that citizens therefore did not call for any of the parcels that awaited them, allowed the mail to pile up in great heaps which to the layman mind seemed impossible of any eventual unravelling.

The Distribution.

On Friday night—to give an idea of the manner in which the mails came in—75 baskets of parcel post arrived from the Old Country. This batch weighed 1,480 pounds, and it was not laid down at the post office until after ten o'clock. Immediately the staff of departments worked all night, and by eight o'clock on Christmas morning, five wagons, taking the place of the regular carriers, who fairly swam in letters and parcels, began their rounds distributing. Much mail was sent to sub-stations, the better to facilitate the proper distribution. Then the carriers began the task of taking out what remained. The wagons came and went, and the carriers struggled all day and into the night. And yet the mail was so large that it wasn't possible to get it all out on time, and yesterday the wagons and the men went their rounds again. By today the last of the extraordinary mail should be in the hands of those for whom it is intended.

Letters and parcels were received from almost every conceivable portion of the world. Some of the parcels arrived in the shape of repair, but where contents of bundles were alien out they were carefully gathered and kept together until their proper recipients came and identified them.

Besides the local, all the mail along both the E. & N. and the V. & S. was usually heavy also. One morning 150 sacks of mail went over the E. & N. alone.

The post office staff received many compliments yesterday for the excellent and efficient manner in which it had managed the overwhelming mass of postal matter.

ARE ELIGIBLE ANYWHERE

Women May Be School Trustees Throughout the Province

Inexplicable and apparently widespread misunderstanding of the law with respect to the eligibility of women as members of public school boards throughout British Columbia is indicated in the argument of numerous mainland newspapers to the effect that the law should be amended so as to give women the same rights as men in this regard. There is no need for such amendment as equal rights are at present enjoyed.

The suggestion that such rights are not extended to cities such as Vancouver and New Westminster, operating under special charters, and the legislature is denied by Superintendent Robinson, who points out that the School Act is everywhere in British Columbia equally applicable. The experience of Victoria, which has had the services at various times of no fewer than four ladies on the school board, emphasizes the fact that ladies may be eligible as school trustees must possess, of course, the same qualifications as men, i.e., they must be qualified majority voters on property held in their own names.

Given this qualification, the fact of their being married women, widows or spinsters makes no difference.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Popham

The funeral of Arthur Charles Popham, who died here on Saturday last, will take place today at 2:30 p.m., from the residence of his brother, F. J. Popham, Mary street, Victoria West. Deceased, who was 45 years old, was a baker by trade and a member of the

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firm of Popham Bros. He had resided here for the past twelve years.

Emery.

The funeral of the late John Emery took place from the family residence, 416 Larry street, yesterday, at 2:30 p.m. Many friends gathered. Mr. Emery having been widely known and highly respected. The Rev. A. N. Miller conducted a very impressive service, and made touching reference to the loss the family had sustained. The hymns sung were, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Nearer My God to Thee." The cortege proceeded to Ross Bay cemetery, where the services were brought to a close at the grave side. The pallbearers were: A. Brown, E. Abery, A. Stewart, J. Skinner, R. Martin, and F. Smith.

Popham.

The funeral of the late Arthur C. Popham takes place from the family residence, Mary street, at 2:30 p.m. today. The deceased succumbed to paralysis after two weeks' illness. He was 45 years of age and a native of Devonshire, Eng. Coming to Canada with his father when very young, Mr. Popham as a boy in Toronto entered the employ of Christie Brown & Co., where he learnt biscuit-making. He went west to Winnipeg later, in 1898 came to Victoria. In 1904, with his brother Fred, he commenced business here. He is survived by his father, his brothers, W. H. E. B. and A. G., in Toronto; his sisters Mrs. W. F. Adams and Mrs. W. H. Warrington in Toronto and Fred in this city.

Starrett.

Killed, while engaged on his work as a conductor on the Great Northern railway at Spokane, through falling between the cars, on the 22nd inst., his body being passed over by 13 cars, the remains of William Starrett, a former Victorian, arrived in the city yesterday for interment. The deceased left here about two years ago, and while in

the city he had been employed on the E. & N. railroad. He was aged 32 years, and a native of Minnesota. He leaves a wife and three children, all of whom accompanied the remains to the city. The late Mr. Starrett was a member of the United Workmen, of the Woodmen of the World, and of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The funeral will take place today from 735 King's road, the Rev. T. E. Holling, officiating.

Popham.

Born in Westmoreland, England, 35 years ago, here passed away in St. Joseph's hospital on Christmas morning, Elias Castley, of Duncan, the victim of an accident which happened as he was engaged as a B. C. Telephone lineman near the up-island town. Working on a telephone line a few days since a defective rope broke causing a pole to drop which in its fall crushed him severely. He was hurried to the hospital in Victoria but after an operation succumbed to his injuries. The late Mr. Castley was a prominent member of the I.O.O.F. lodge in Duncan, where he acted as secretary. The funeral was held in Duncan yesterday, a large number of the local Odd Fellows accompanying the remains from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral and Furnishing company to the E. & N. station. The pallbearers were: P. A. McLean, J. Wilby, F. Davey, A. Henderson, W. J. Wrigglesworth and J. Dillabough.

U. S. LAND SEEKERS COME TO CANADA

Big Sums Realized By C.P.R. Through Sale of Irrigated Lands.

Indicative of the large number of American land seekers who have been crossing over to Canada recently, J.

S. Dennis, land commissioner of the C. P. R., who was a visitor to the city during the week end, stated that in the past six months the receipts at the Calgary office have averaged \$1,000,000 a month. These receipts are largely based upon the business of the railway company in disposing of its irrigated lands. Mr. Dennis states that he anticipates that the influx from the United States next year will be even greater in proportion.

The C. P. R. has up to the present disposed of some 11,000 acres of its irrigated land in Alberta. Over 2,000,000 are left. From these figures some inkling can be gleaned of the immense sums which will flow into the railway company's exchequer. In connection with its colonization scheme the company is carrying on an extensive advertising propaganda. Its agents are distributed throughout the United States, Great Britain and Europe, in places from which there seems the most desirable possibility of attracting the greatest number of settlers.

"An interesting feature of Mr. Dennis' remarks was the statement that recently his company had spent considerable money in advertising British Columbia in the United States. The results were of a most satisfactory nature. Mr. Dennis left yesterday for Vancouver.

Reporters of the New York press fell into a grievous error the other day when they announced the arrival there of Stanley Ketchell, the middleweight champion. The man whom they took for the scrapper enjoyed the joke and left them on and all the while the real mitt artist was rustling in San Francisco. Here is what one of the journals said: "Stanley Ketchell, holder of the middleweight crown, blew into this quiet little burg today from the wild and woolly taking his Gotham friends by surprise. Ketch is still paddling his own canoe and confided the news that he isn't looking for a manager."

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MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Now that Christmas is past greater attention will be paid to municipal matters in view of the approaching elections. Whether it is or is not a disadvantage to have the municipal elections so soon after the holidays is an open question. It has one good effect in that it compresses the civic contest into a short period; it is objectionable in so far as it limits the time for the public discussion of questions. Nevertheless, balancing the good against the evil, probably the present system is as good as any other.

The forthcoming municipal contest is one of unusual interest, for the city has reached a turning point in its history. We have never hesitated to criticize what previous city councils have done, although we are often told that thereby the position of aldermen is rendered needlessly irksome to its incumbents. There seems to be an idea abroad that everyone must take it for granted that a member of the aldermanic body is actuated only by the highest motives in everything he does, and that his judgment, even though it may be upon something about which he knows no more than anyone else, must be accepted as infallible, so that to criticize him is to be unjust and cruel. We look upon aldermen as being very much like other people. They try to do right, but all the things that lead other people into error affect them just as they affect the rest of us. They are not looking after their own business, but after that of their fellow citizens, and it is perfectly right that their fellow citizens should look after them, and the only way this can be done is for the newspapers to keep people posted as to what has been done or left undone. The same is true of the office of mayor. The incumbent of the position must expect to be criticized. We think we can say for the newspapers of Victoria that they have treated the mayors and aldermen of the city very well indeed. Their criticisms have never been harsh, and we do not recall a single instance where there has been any imputation against the motives or principles of any of them. We make these observations for two reasons. One of them is that we wish to say now that on the whole the out-going City Council has done very well; it has accomplished very much; it has not made any serious mistakes in policy so far as we are aware. We think the Mayor and Aldermen have tried to do the right thing by the citizens, and we say this notwithstanding the fact that not infrequently we have felt called upon to criticize some of their doings. We also say it because we want new aspirants to municipal positions to understand the attitude which they may expect the press to adopt towards them in the event of their being elected. It will be one of fair criticism; and if a man cannot stand that he has no place in public life. The papers will be predisposed to take a favorable view of whatever he may do; but they will feel in duty bound to express disapproval if they think mistakes are being made. It is only by constantly keeping the public in touch with what is being done that the press is able to contribute to the cause of good municipal government.

The government of a city, and especially of a rapidly growing city like Victoria, is no simple matter; but it is after all only a big business proposition, and it should be approached just as other business propositions are. The work is growing yearly more onerous, and men, who accept places on the aldermanic board, must be prepared to surrender a good deal of their time to public business for what is very inadequate remuneration; but there is a degree of satisfaction in doing such work well that repays all the trouble it gives. There has never been a time in the history of Victoria when there was as good an opportunity as is at present offering for the Mayor and Aldermen to make a record for themselves of which they may well be proud; for the next year will be the beginning of an era of exceptional progress, and very much will have to be done.

It is uncertain yet how many candidates will be in the field for any of the elective offices. The three gentlemen named for the mayoralty have their strong friends and their varied qualifications. Whether or not any other candidates will be available it is premature to say. There is yet time for many aldermanic candidates to come into the field, and we hope that a number of citizens will place themselves at the disposal of the voters in every ward, so that the best possible choice may be made. We want for the year 1910 the best city council that can be got.

UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

Mr. Newham Davis, whose letter we print this morning, seems to regard the suggestion that the United States would defend Canada against invasion with a good deal of dislike, and he proceeds to show why in his opinion such a defence would be of little use to us. We thought we had made it pretty clear that in the opinion of the Colonist for the Dominion to reckon upon such a defence would be unworthy of our country, but we are not quite as certain as our correspondent that in the event of hostilities the assistance of our neighbors would be of little value. In such references as the Colonist has made to a contingency of the nature referred to, we have never had in mind the possibility of Canada being at war on her own account with any foreign powers. While Canada remains within the Empire its wars will be the Empire's wars. There is no reason to suppose that Canada would be at war with either Germany or Japan, and the United Kingdom being standing in the attitude of a disinterested spectator. When we have spoken of an invasion of Canada from the sea, we have always had in mind the possibility that the United Kingdom would be engaged in hostilities and that the attack upon our shores would only be one incident of a general war. Against such an attack the help of the United States would be of great value if we had to rely upon it. That ought not to rely upon it, if as a people who have any sense of self-respect goes without saying; but one of the factors that must always be taken into account in international relations is that lying to the south of the Dominion is one of the Great Powers, whose traditional policy is opposed to the conquest of any part of the American Continent by a European power. There are those who regard this as a reason why Canada ought not to provide for her own defence. To us the argument from it is quite in the other direction; for if the United States is to protect Canada, the Washington government will expect to control the foreign relations of the Dominion. Naval protection by the United States would be the first step towards the absorption of Canada into the republic.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

Events have brought the House of Lords into the limelight to such an extent that some little information concerning the individuals constituting that body may be both timely and interesting. On the Roll of the House of Lords there are six hundred and twenty-two names, but as five of these are repeated under different titles, and one peerage is vacant and ten are held by minors, therefore the actual number of individuals entitled to be called to a meeting of the hereditary chamber is 606. There are 87 Scottish peers and 175 Irish peers, who are not entitled of right to a seat in the House of Lords. Of the former 15, and of the latter 34 are representative peers, that is they have been chosen by their fellows to sit in the House of Lords. A number of both the Scottish and Irish peers sit in the Lords by virtue of their ranking in the peerage of the United Kingdom under some other—or perhaps the same title. Of the peerages of the United Kingdom, the holders of which only have a hereditary right to a seat in the Upper Chamber 349 were created since the accession of Queen Victoria; therefore very considerably more than half the House of Lords is of comparatively recent origin. The House itself may be surrounded with all the dignity which age can give, but most of the peerages are very modern.

There are 22 dukes in the peerage of the United Kingdom. 8 in the Scottish peerage and 2 in the Irish peerage. Only the first referred to sit of right in the House of Lords by virtue of their titles. Of these 3 are royal dukes, namely the Prince of Wales, who is Duke of Cornwall and York, and the King's brothers, the Dukes of Connaught and Albany. The other dukes in order of precedence, which is dependent upon the date of the creation of their titles are Norfolk, Somerset, Richmond and Gordon, Grafton, Beaufort, St. Albans, Leeds, Bedford, Devonshire, Marlborough, Rutland, Brandon, Portland, Manchester, Newcastle, Cumberland, Wellington, Sutherland, Westminster, Fife, Argyll.

The first English duke to be created was Edward, the Black Prince, who was made Duke of Cornwall, and consequently this title, which appertains to the oldest son of the reigning sovereign, is the premier dukedom in one sense of the word; the premier place among the dukes not royal is held by the Duke of Norfolk. The first duke of Norfolk was created in 1482, but the title became extinct in 1572, when its holder was executed for high treason. The title was revived by Charles II. The latest ducal creations, Fife and Argyll, arose out of the fact that the former married the daughter of the King and the latter his sister. They were both elevated to their present status during the lifetime of Queen Victoria. The Duke of Westminster is the second to hold the title, the Duke of Sutherland the fourth, the Duke of Wellington the fourth, the Duke of Northumberland the seventh, the Duke of Newcastle the seventh and the others are of yet older origin.

There are twenty-three marquesses entitled by birth to sit as legislators. The title of marquess is older than that of duke, and the title of earl, of whom there are 145, is older still. Of the viscounts there are 39; and of the barons 339. Twenty-four bishops have seats in the House of Lords and two Archbishops. There is, strictly speaking, no such title in the peerage as

"Lord." It is commonly applied to barons. Thus we have Baron Strathcona and Mountroyal, to whom we almost always refer as Lord Strathcona. The title "lord" is given to other members of the peerage. Thus we speak of Lord Aberdeen, although his title is Earl, of Lord Milner, although he is a viscount, and so on. Baronets are not entitled as such to sit in the House of Lords. There are baronets of England, Great Britain, the United Kingdom, Scotland, Nova Scotia and Ireland. The recognized baronetcies are numerous and many persons claim the title on more or less defensible grounds. It is hereditary and the prefix "Sir" is used with the name. Knights, the matter of what order, have no right as such to a seat in the House of Lords. This brief review will give readers a general idea of who are included in the hereditary chamber. It will appear from what has been said that very many of them are persons, who during the lifetime of men now living were not of the nobility.

Christmas came with tremendous fury along the Atlantic coast, and the story of death and disaster is a long and terrible one.

The Colonist welcomes to its exchange table No. 1 Volume 1 of the "Saturday Spectator," published at Regina, and which claims to fill a new field of journalistic usefulness in chronicling the special happenings in Saskatchewan social, literary, artistic and dramatic circles. The paper is exceedingly readable and well printed.

The Christmas issue of the Vernon News, which has just been received is certainly entitled to take a foremost place among the many special publications of the festive season betokening the enterprise of British Columbian journalism. Few public newspapers of Western Canada have shown more commendable growth in size, mechanical appearance and literary quality of recent years than has the "News," and the Christmas issue is especially notable for the excellence of its seasonable contents and as illustrating a standard of craftsmanship in both printing and illustration which one usually associates only with the productions of the most costly city printing plants.

It seems to be about as hard to find Dr. Cook as it was to find the North Pole. But most people in his position would be disposed to hide where they never could be found. It is impossible to believe that the doctor can have any evidence in reserve. He was honest, and actually believed he had made the discovery he claims, he would not have disappeared, but have remained to fight the question out. There would have been no disgrace in being mistaken, and if it had been shown that he had not reached the Pole, for if he could not prove that he had reached it, if his expedition had been carried out in good faith, he would have been entitled to credit. The only conclusion that seems possible from the known facts is that he was an impostor of the worst kind.

One of the most noteworthy pieces of news that has been given out recently is the statement that the Dalai Lama, the head of the Buddhist religion, is arranging for a visit to London and St. Petersburg. The Dalai Lama left Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, on the approach of Col. Younghusband a few years ago, since which time he has undergone varying vicissitudes. He has for the last eighteen years been desirous of effecting some sort of relations with European governments, but the opposition of China has prevented him from doing so. This has at last been withdrawn, but it is said that the governments of Russia and the United Kingdom are not quite as anxious to have him visit their respective capitals as he seems to think they are.

The Dominion government recently purchased a wharf in Richibucto, N.B., for \$5,000. There is nothing very startling in this incident, but when we add that a few months before the government bought the property it was sold for \$700, we are disposed to think that an explanation is in order from someone. Richibucto is not a town where the price of real estate has a habit of performing such gymnastic tricks as the above figures seem to indicate. That either the man who sold to the government bought the property for very much less than it was worth, or received for it very much more than it is worth, seems to be beyond any doubt, and we are of the same mind with those who say that explanations are in order, and that, if the thing is as bad as it looks, someone should take the consequences.

President Taft wants Congress to pass a general law for the United States providing for the incorporation of companies doing an interstate business. This is a similar question to one that has arisen in Canada, and it is not devoid of serious difficulties. It is even more difficult in the Republic than it is in the Dominion, because in our country all legislative power is vested either in Parliament or in the local legislatures; whereas in the United States Congress and the state legislatures only have such jurisdiction as has been specifically assigned to them respectively. There seems to be pressing need in the latter country of greater legislative control over corporations than is possible under the laws as they now stand. This is not as yet felt to anything like so great an extent in Canada.

A Bore

"A plague on him," I loud exclaim, "Won't some one tell him to the floor? A curse upon his very name. The man who's seen the show before."

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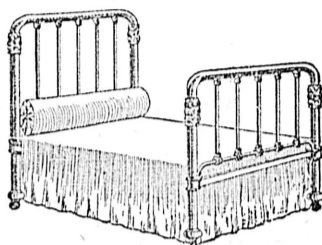
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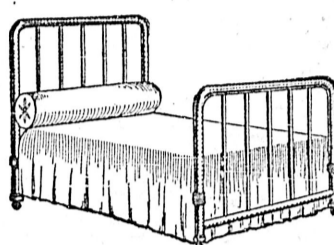
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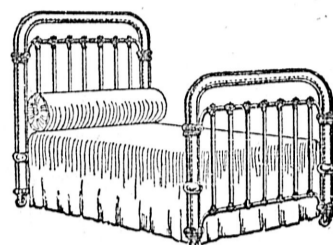
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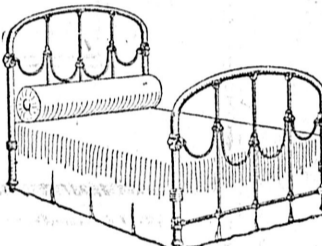
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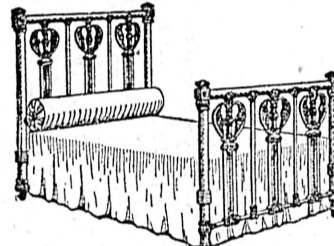
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Christmas has undoubtedly brought you its complement of books, and the problem is "where to keep these safe and convenient." You need a Bookcase, no doubt. Come in and see these Combination Secretaries. A Bookcase and Writing Desk combined to make a very attractive and serviceable furniture piece. Several very attractive styles are shown in handsome polished golden oak. Prices range from \$60.00 to \$25.00.

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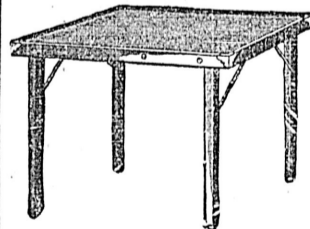
Great China Values

This week offers you some great opportunities to secure China at saving prices. The big holiday business has left us with many odd lines, and these will be priced at interesting figures to clear in a hurry.

A visit to the China Store will amply repay you. Come in and inspect the offerings of the special value counters—they'll be filled with real "bargains."

If you have forgotten someone at Christmas, or received a gift from an unexpected source, here is an opportunity to send a New Year's remembrance and save in the sending.

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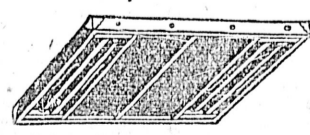
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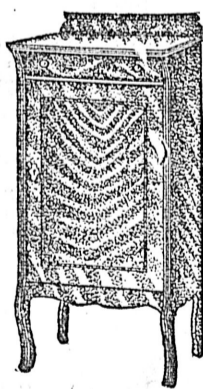


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FOR MAYOR

To the Electors of the City of Victoria

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I beg to announce that I am a candidate for Mayor at the approaching election. After having served as Alderman for three years I now respectfully solicit your vote and influence for the more important position, and promise to do my utmost for the progress and betterment of our city. My views have already been published, and will be more fully explained from the platform. My principal objects are:

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The introduction of more efficient management of the public works department.

The stricter guarding of public morals.

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back with wonder and admiration while they compare the stump-strewn fields of Victoria in 1858 with the lovely streets and parks of the present time. The old couple were residents of St. Louis, Mo., for a long time, where Mr. Alexander built and operated a grist mill which he owned for sixteen years. Hearing of the gold discoveries in California, Mr. Alexander decided to leave St. Louis and try his luck in the diggings. He started with his wife and two children and four friends and a guide in 1857. They crossed the plains in a prairie schooner drawn by a five-yoke bullock team by way of Independent Road, Platte River, Sweet Water river, Pacific Springs, Salt Lake road, Humboldt river and many other points too numerous to mention. Many creeks were crossed by means of rafts. During the long, tedious and dangerous journey many times the party encountered hostile Indians who roved in murderous and thieving bands over the country. Finally, when the cattle the party had taken along were all stolen and when many other pieces of personal property had also fallen into the clutches of the red robbers, one of the party, Mr. Hullenback, started out on the trail with a rifle. He killed twenty-two Indians and buried them in a single grave. This had a salutary effect upon the remaining redskins.

Many interesting sights were seen along the trail. At one time the party camped in a locality then called Thousand Springs Valley, where innumerable springs of both hot water and cold came from the earth within a few feet of one another.

Reaches Eldorado.

After reaching California Mr. Alexander took up mining, and was engaged in this work for some time. However, the returns were not what he expected, and dissatisfied he left California on the steamer Oregon, July 1, 1858. He had turned his eyes toward Victoria, then an infant town, unheard of in the outside world except among those whose feet had trodden northern trails. Arrived here Mr. Alexander once again pitted himself against nature in a search for the yellow treasure in the Fraser river regions. In 1861 he met success. At the end of the season he returned to his wife and family in Victoria and worked at his trade as a carpenter, receiving the wage of \$6 a day.

As the settlement began to develop and the elements came in Mr. and Mrs. Alexander took up a farm in South Saanich, and there they remained for thirty-three years. At the end of that time they returned to Victoria and took up their present home, where they have lived for seventeen years.

Mr. Alexander is now 85 years of age, and his good wife is 75. They have raised twelve children, six of whom have passed away. The remaining six children, with twenty-nine grandchildren and four great-grand children were present on Saturday to honor their forbears.

Among those who attended the reception to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were:

Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C.; Miss D. McTavish, Mr. D. McTavish, Mr. and Mrs. J. Maynard, Miss B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Procter, Mr. and Mrs. James Todd, Cedar Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, Alderman Nicholson, Cedar Hill; Miss H. Nicholson, Miss Cooper, Mrs. and Miss O'Brien, Mr. N. Rowden, Mr. Geo. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Mr. A. Alexander, Mrs. T. M. Palmer, Mr. M. Rowden, Mr. W. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Saul, Mr. and Mrs. Service, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bull, Mrs. and Miss Hicks.

Among the donors of gifts were Mr. and Mrs. J. Bull, check; Misses Hilja and Hazel Alexander, a brilliant comb; Harvey Alexander, handkerchiefs; Mrs. and Miss Williams, check; Mrs. Palmer, dressing jacket; Mr. and Mrs. R. Palmer, towels; Mr. H. D. Helmcken, beautiful cake plate and fruit cake; Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, check; Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, silk handkerchief; Mr. and Mrs. T. Procter, pot plants; Mr. and Mrs. J. Maynard, slippers; Mr. and Mrs. Todd, cut glasses; Mrs. and Miss Hicks, check; Mr. R. Hicks, check; Councillor Nicholson, check; Mr. and Mrs. McTavish, china.

LOST STEERING GEAR

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 26.—The steamer Cuban of the Leyland line, with her rudder lost and steering gear useless, in tow of the steamship Bohemian, of the same line, has passed Browhead, seventy miles west of here, presumably on her way to this port or Liverpool. The disabled steamer left New Orleans on December 2 for Liverpool and the Bohemian left Liverpool on December 16 for New York. Both were well on their respective journeys, crossing each other's path, when the crippled Cuban was picked up. The Bohemian hauled the Cuban over to a tug off Kinsale, and then proceeded on its voyage to New York.

SPECULATION AS TO CANDIDATES

Fourth Aspirant For Mayoralty Honors Not Yet Announced

With the New Year's holiday still ahead, and the between holiday spirit still manifest, municipal politics have been forced into the background, for the time being, and it is a certainty that the political pot will not begin to boil in earnest until after the first of the year. Who is the next candidate for mayor to announce himself is a question which is frequently asked, but to which as yet there is no answer. In addition to the three candidates now in the field, W. E. Oliver and Aldermen Turner and Henderson, the expectation is generally that there will be another. R. L. Drury's name is mentioned, but he refuses to commit himself, for a time at least. Repeated questions directed to him as to his intentions have brought forth no further information than that he is considering the matter, but is in no position as yet to make an announcement.

Asked yesterday if he will be a candidate, Mr. Drury stated that he has not yet made up his mind. He admitted, however, that he has been requested, should he decide to be a candidate for mayor, to stand for alderman. But here again he was most non-committal as to his intentions.

Statement Soon.

Mr. Drury promised that he would make an announcement sometime this week. This hesitancy on the part of Mr. Drury, who is known to have been offered support of a great number of friends and of many members of the Voters' League, which has held several meetings to discuss the local municipal situation and form a slate for the coming campaign, would indicate that the section of the community represented by the league is busy framing up a slate which they believe will prove a winner. In the meantime those candidates who have already announced themselves are not allowing any chance to pass, and daily the glad hand is in ever increasing prominence.

So far the following candidates have announced themselves:

Ward Two: Alderman Ross, Humbler, Alderman H. F. Bishop, School Trustee Capt. McIntosh, and E. B. Jones.

Ward Three: Alderman W. F. Fullerton, George Jones, and E. F. Geiger.

Ward Five: A. G. Sargison, H. Cuthbert, and W. Smith.

In Ward One no announcement has as yet been made. It is likely that Alderman Ross will again offer himself, and possibly Alderman Mable will also be again in the field, but as neither of these gentlemen feel disposed to commit themselves, in Ward Four Alderman Raymond is again being pressed to run, and will probably consent, though he stated that the time required for civic business is a handicap to him in his regular business. W. G. Waterburn's name has also been mentioned, but so far he is holding back. Alderman McKeown is also unable to state definitely whether he will try for another term. Alderman Stewart in Ward Three will not again be a candidate, though he has been earnestly pressed to enter.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

A Sharp Critique

Sir.—On Thursday evening a large audience, including the writer, were treated at the Victoria theatre to an exhibition of indecent tomfoolery masquerading under the name of amusement, but offering an insult to the finer feelings of those who judge from the pronounced lack of appreciation, made up by far the greater part of the attendance.

It is a satisfactory condition of social ethics that is demanding, more and more with the expansion of intellectuality, the acceptance of right and discredit of wrong. A play (it should have another name) like "The Soul Kiss" endeavors to set back the ascending march of human judgment, and small as is its influence, its effect is demoralizing, nevertheless.

Unfortunately, none of us are saints, and we must be broad-minded enough to admit that the pits are many, and the falls are many, but it is a wholesome fact that the falls carry with them, almost universally, a realization, however slight, of the wrong and the injustice. Almost all the plays we see, and almost all the books we read, proclaim in the end, the triumph of honesty and chastity, and the degradation of knavery, sin and brutality. "The Soul Kiss" is built upon a framework of immorality, offering as its most toothsome morsel, a disgusting exhibition of kissing, which can only be interpreted as an endeavor to portray the uncontrolled passions of a profligate. There are, of course, many to whom this side of human nature will appeal, and the author of an action of "The Soul Kiss" standard fully realizes it.

The writer's patience gave out after the opening absurdities of the second act, and he may have missed the moral, with right triumphant, but he is convinced that if moral there was, it must have been grand and penetrating to have escaped whole across that flimsy framework of literary and musical discord. A moral may be pointed through immorality, but if it needs a backing, like "The Soul Kiss," it should be rich indeed.

We read that "The Soul Kiss" had a glorious career in America, and entered Victoria with a flare of trumpets, and loud acclamations, but this only proves that a few more experiences like it will convince us that the moment of our friends across the line is no criterion, and that we are liable to be disgusted with what evidently pleases them.

In the writer's opinion, "The Soul Kiss" is a direct insult to those who offer it as a healthy amusement.

What is badly needed is a censor to prevent a literary and musical "would-be" from introducing a morality below the average upon a confiding public.

JOHN W. E. LAKER.

Largest Schooner

The six-masted schooner Wyoming, the largest wooden schooner in the world, was launched a few days ago from the yard of her managing owners, Messrs. Percy and Small, at Bath, Me. The vessel is the seventh six-masted craft built at the yard. She is 304 ft. long, 50 ft. beam and 30.4 ft. deep, gross tonnage, 3,730, net 3,036, and her coal carrying capacity is placed at almost 6,000 tons. She is a three-decker, having a keel and frame of white oak, planking and ceiling of hard pine, while the beams and massive stringers, extending the entire length of the ship, are of the same material. There are five discharging hatches, one between each two masts. The keelson at the base of each hatch is securely bound

by sheet steel as a protection from the loading and discharging of the cargo, and for the same purpose the hatches are bound with galvanized iron. Iron strips criss-cross the gigantic hull outside the frame and beneath the planking, giving the craft extraordinary firmness.

In virtue of a recent Norwegian law,

all non-Norwegian fishing and whaling vessels, including transport vessels, floating boiling establishments, and other vessels auxiliary to fishing and whaling expeditions, will, after Jan. 1, 1910, be subject to survey in Norway, and subject to the corresponding Norwegian laws and regulations relating to the seaworthiness of ships. The Norwegian ministry for commerce, navigation and industry has power to grant exemption from the survey in the case of vessels which are subject to official inspection in their own country under laws and regulations which are as effective as the corresponding Norwegian laws and regulations.

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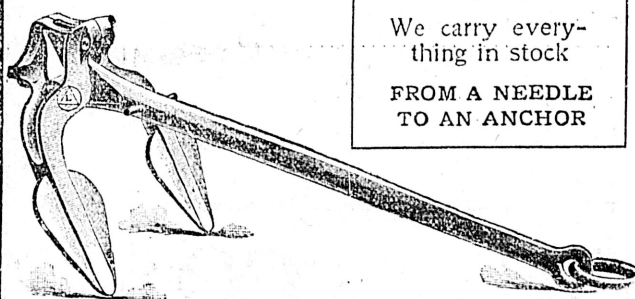
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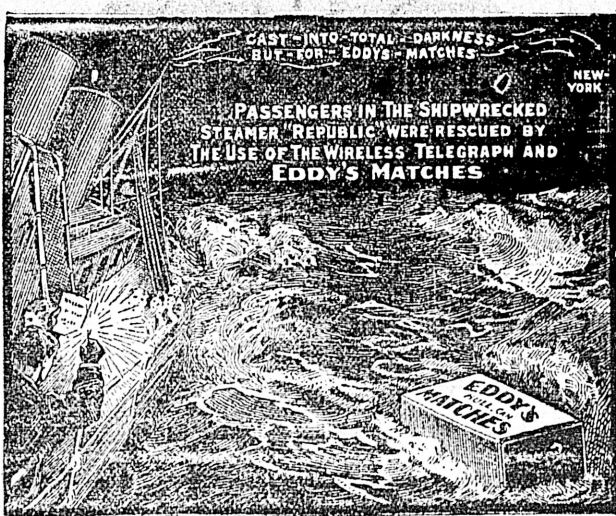
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NEWS OF THE CITY

Ladies of the Maccabees

Ladies of the Maccabees hold a social and dance in room 3, A.O.U.W. hall this evening.

Christmas Tree.

St. Columba Sunday School Christmas tree and entertainment will be held tomorrow evening at eight o'clock.

Local Option in Atlin

Returns of the Atlin election of the 25th ult. show that Local Option lost in that district, the vote being 67 for and 72 against.

The British Israel Association.

Victoria branch of the British Israel association meets this evening at 8 o'clock, in No. 1 hall of the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street.

School Board Meets

A special meeting of the school board will be held this afternoon when a number of matters of routine will be considered thus finishing up the work of the year.

Gift to Fire Chief

Fire Chief Davis was remembered on Christmas Day by the members of the entire department when he was the recipient of a handsome solid silver and cut glass ink stand.

Statement Corrected.

The agency for the Blériot monoplane, ascribed to the Plimley Automobile Company, should have been credited to the Western Motor and Supply Co., Ltd.

Take out Permits

Building permits were issued yesterday by the building inspector to W. N. Mitchell for a frame office building to be erected on Yates street, to cost \$300, and to W. Josephs for a dwelling on Eberts street to cost \$1,000.

Opened New School.

Hon. Price Ellison, minister of public lands, is not expected to return from Okanagan until tomorrow evening. The new minister was yesterday afternoon pleasantly employed in formally opening the new public school at Armstrong.

New Inspectors

Chief Inspector Peck is expected to return to the Capital tomorrow evening and after consultation with him, Hon. Mr. Taylor expects to be in a position to announce on Thursday the names of the new appointees as provincial inspectors of steam boilers.

Remember Stalwarts

The occasion of the festive season was taken advantage of by the many friends of the police force to remember the guardians of the peace. Cigars and other gifts were sent in abundance. To each and every donor the police extend their thanks and good wishes.

Harry Lauder Not Coming.

It is authoritatively stated that Harry Lauder will not visit Victoria professionally during his forthcoming tour of the Pacific provinces and states. He will be at Vancouver on the 19th. Of course Lauder is barred from appearing at any of the Trust houses, among which are numbered the Vancouver Opera House and the Victoria Theatre.

The Pacific Salmon.

That the Pacific salmon industry is being overworked, was the view expressed by Professor J. P. McMurich, in a lecture given in the science building of the University of Toronto, a few evenings ago. Since the bulk of the Pacific salmon pack is marketed in Great Britain and Australia, it was argued that regulations of the pack is not a local question, but one that should be imperially regulated.

Fireman's Entertainment

Tickets for the concert and dance to be given on New Year's eve by the members of the fire department at the headquarters station are now on sale and are going rapidly. The concert programme will be of the best and the committee in charge is working hard to make this the first of the New Year's entertainments to be given by the department, an unqualified success. Following the concert dancing will be indulged.

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Cable Repaired.

Telephonic communication between Victoria and the mainland, after an interruption of at least a fortnight, has been re-opened. The steamer Restorer has been engaged in repair work for a week and yesterday the break, which was located in the neighborhood of Telegraph Creek, San Juan Island, was mended. From the time it was reported that the cable was out of commission Victoria merchants have been put to considerable inconvenience. Now it will be possible to enter into communication with the "hello girls" at Vancouver, Seattle, and intermediate points.

Strenuous Christmas Eve

Word has been received by the provincial authorities of the strenuous manner in which Provincial Constable H. E. Dufort, of Lillooet, spent his Christmas eve, the sequel being the apprehension of half a dozen Indians who had been members of a party of Siwashes unduly making merry under the stimulation of the forbidden hootch. The constable's attention to the celebration was attracted when the Indians began, in the otherwise quiet hours of the night, to give a vivid illustration of the extinct cowboys' festival of "shooting up the town." The officer of the law endeavored to foist calmer counsel upon the celebrants, and half a dozen shots were sent in his direction, with the result that he was led to declare that if the Siwashes did not stop shooting at him he would give a few of them a "darn good hiding." The promise was partially redeemed in the process of arrests, and the constable is in consequence voted by the now sorrowful Siwashes a "hiyou skootum tillicum."

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Chinese Christmas Entertainment.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Chinese Methodist church, Fisguard street, will be held this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. A programme will be rendered by the children of the Sunday school. The public are cordially invited to attend.

No Friends Here.

The provincial police authorities have not been able to secure any information of relatives or friends of the late David Bennett who was killed at midnight, Thursday, at Koksilah by being run down by an E. & N. work train. It is believed that Bennett, who had been employed by the C.P.R. quarry at Koksilah, had been in this city about a year ago. But if he had any friends or relatives here the police could not locate them. Accordingly instructions were given to have the body interred at Duncans yesterday which was done.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 27, 1909:

SYNOPSIS.

A vast area of abnormally high pressure over the North Pacific states and British Columbia, and under its influence the weather throughout its extent is chiefly fair and cold, with fog on the straits. In eastern Oregon on the plateau lands snow is lying on the ground, one inch at Spokane and three at Baker City. East of the Rockies the pressure is low; chinook is causing rise of temperature in Alberta; snow is falling at Prince Albert and Qu'Appelle and zero temperatures prevail in Manitoba.

TEMPERATURE.

Victoria	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	31	38
New Westminster	27	33
Kamloops	20	22
Barkerville	14	26
Fort Simpson	20	26
Atlin	22	26
Celstey, Alta.	22	44
Winnipeg, Man.	8 below	4
Portland, Ore.	20	28
San Francisco, Cal.	45	58

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Tuesday:

Victoria and vicinity: Light to moderate northerly winds, generally fair and not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold with fog.

SATURDAY.

Highest	37
Lowest	32
Mean	35

Rain and sleet, 15 inch.

SUNDAY.

Highest	40
Lowest	31
Mean	37

Sunshine, 36 minutes.

MONDAY.

Highest	37
Lowest	31
Mean	34

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Opposition to Proposed Civic Action as to Theatre Site Develops in Council

Opposition to the proposal of the city council to grant a site to the People's Opera House company, the organization of local gentlemen who have for months past been doing their utmost to raise sufficient funds with which to erect a commodious theatre commensurate with the city's needs, has developed in the city council. The objection is based on the grounds that should the city give a site at the rear of the Empress hotel, on land owned by the city, the value of that land should be allotted to the city in stock of the city to be formed or at least, an adequate annual rental for the land, should the property be leased, should be paid to the city.

At the last meeting of the council a bylaw was submitted and put through its first reading, which provided that if the city will give a site at the north-east corner of Douglas and Belleville streets, with a frontage on each street of 200 feet, the gentlemen behind the theatrical enterprise will organize a company to be known as the People's Opera House company, and erect a building of a value of \$100,000. The city would have certain rights with regard to the use of the building for public purposes and have a supervision over the charges to be made for public meetings or performances other than theatrical.

Must Go to People.

The measure came up for consideration again last evening, because of objections raised, it was laid over until a future date. Mayor Hall explained that for the city to lease or give away the land the bylaw would have to be put to the electors at the forthcoming civic election and if it were delayed it might not be ready.

It was Alderman Fullerton who raised the objection. He stated that under the bylaw as drawn the city would be giving away gratis a valuable site which might be worth \$50,000 or more and certainly would increase in value. Some time ago a number of amusement promoters had wished land in the same locality and offered an annual rental of \$3,000, but the council refused to entertain the proposition. If the site is worth \$50,000 then the city should be given stock in the company to that amount. It was true a theatre would prove a source of amusement to a great many people but the city should be protected. Or if an adequate rental can be secured it might be proper to lease. In any such case he would approve of the scheme but not otherwise.

Alderman Fullerton believed that the bylaw in its present shape would not be passed by the ratepayers while Alderman Mable urged deciding at once whether the majority of the council favored the bylaw going before the people.

Alderman McKaown, who introduced the measure, pointed out that the promoters of the theatre scheme believed that if the city gave the site and a \$100,000 building was erected thereon the value of the surrounding civic property would be greatly enhanced. However it was up to the council to decide.

It was finally decided to leave the bylaw until the meeting on Thursday evening when it could be further considered.

Money for Sooke Lake

The bylaw to be submitted to the ratepayers on election day, authorizing the city to raise \$15,000 for school purposes was taken up. Under the impression that it was the water bylaw Alderman Henderson arose and commenced an eloquent appeal on the necessity of passing it but the general laugh which greeted him drew his attention to his mistake and he was forced to subside until the measure he advocates came up. The school board bylaw calls for \$15,000 to raise \$15,000, though the amount actually required is \$17,000 net. The extra amount is asked for in order to provide for any possible discount at which the bonds may sell. The amount is to be used as follows: \$150,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection thereon of a high school; \$14,000 for the addition of a four-roomed wing at the Victoria West school and \$10,000 for the erection of a frame school on the site recently secured at the corner of Bank street and Leighton Road. This bylaw will also be submitted to the ratepayers at the forthcoming civic election.

Mayor Hall informed the council that it will be impossible to submit another sewer bylaw to the ratepayers as was contemplated. When the last \$45,000 for sewer purposes was raised the city's credit for such purposes was \$10,000, but as some \$35,000 of the old debt remains thereon until next spring when the city will be in a position to put another bylaw.

The city solicitor was instructed to apply at the next session of the provincial legislature for an amendment to the Municipalities Act whereby the city will have the right to carry out the agreement with the company under which it binds itself, not during the continuance of the agreement, pass any measure granting assistance to any other company or its officers, or to any person, or to the company before it offer for the company's holdings here, is made. In case the company refuses the offer then the matter will be arbitrated upon.

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C. W. Bradshaw, barrister, owner of property on Douglas street, wrote the council relative to the notices which have been served on each of the owners informing them of the intention of the city to pave that thoroughfare between Humbolt street and Esplanade street; that he is opposed to wood blocks, and does not recognize that the proceedings taken by the council to tax his property to meet the cost of the proposed pavement have been, or will be, effective in imposing any such tax on him. He might not be in a position to prevent the laying of a wood block pavement, he wished to draw all his rights with regard to the cost thereof being charged against his property.

At a recent meeting between some of the Douglas street owners and the council, Mr. Bradshaw was present, and made no objection to a permanent pavement being laid, but evidently he refuses to take a wood block pavement, though the members of the council have been led to suppose that all the owners are willing to leave the class of material to be used to the favor of the engineer, who favors wood blocks.

The city engineer and city assessor reported on the cost of the following works of local improvement: Permanent walks on both sides of Ontario street between Montreal street and St. Lawrence street, the total cost of which will be \$1,620, of which the city's share will be \$1,200; permanent walk on the north side of Simcoe street between St. Lawrence street and Dallas road, total cost \$1,163, city's share, \$233; curbs, gutters, and boulevards on both sides of Vancouver street, between Humbolt street and Pandora avenue, total cost \$10,564, city's share, \$2,112; grading, draining, and rock surfacing Mason street between Quadra street and Cook street, and permanent sidewalks on both sides, total cost \$9,008, city's share \$1,775.

The Fire Wardens recommend that the sum of \$53 be paid to St. Joseph's hospital for medical attendance to ex-fireman Amos, who was injured on Fort street. But the department will be notified that in future the council will not be responsible for any expense incurred by a member during the course of a fire or in performance of his duty.

Street Works.
The report of the streets, bridges, and sewers committee was adopted as follows: Re communication of George Jeeves, calling attention to the condition of Blanchard street, and to the blocking up of the natural water course at the northeast corner of King's Road and Quadra street. Recommended that the writer be informed that the city engineer has been directed to request the Victoria & Sidney Railway Co., who are responsible for the condition of Blanchard street, to have the same repaired. With regard to the closing of the water course, all necessary catch-basins and connections have been completed, and no further complaint is anticipated in this locality by reason of the stopping out of the water course.

Re petition of A. W. Jones, et al., asking that McClure street between Vancouver street and Cook street, be improved. Recommended that the petitioners be informed that steps have already been taken to construct a permanent sidewalk on the south side of said street, and boulevards on both sides and that the improvement of the roadway in accordance with the wish of the petitioners will be undertaken in the near future.

Re communication of J. M. Malcolm, calling attention to the condition of the box drain on Hillside avenue in front of his property. Recommended that a new drain be constructed as soon as funds are available for the purpose.

Re communication of Wm. Fairall, complaining of an accumulation of surface water in front of his residence, Springfield avenue. Recommended that it will be necessary for him to construct a permanent drain on said avenue before the nuisance can be abated.

Re petition of H. T. Gravin, et al., protesting against the construction of boulevards on Hulton street. Recommended that the petitioners be informed that it is not the intention to set out boulevards on this street, and that the loose earth dumped there is for the purpose of filling in the space between the sidewalk and the curb.

Communication of F. G. Wyatt, re flooding of his property, lots 35 and 36, block 24, 7th Road, near the city hall. Recommended that the writer be informed that on account of the low lying district where these lots are situated, the city can in no way be held responsible for the flooding of his property.

Recommended that sub-divisional plan of part of block 29, section 4, being an addition to registered plan No. 971, Victoria city, be approved by the council.



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the city to raise \$150,000 to develop Sooke Lake as a source of water supply was put through its various stages, it will be duly advertised and voted upon on January 13 and if passed by the ratepayers will be given its final reading. The measure provides that the amount shall be secured on the water works system and property and the general revenue from the water works with the guarantee of the corporation. The measure sets forth that the present value of the water works system and property is \$1,479,137.61 and the estimated general revenue therefrom for 1910 is \$140,000. The annual interest charge at four per cent, will be \$56,000 and the sum of \$832 will be put annually for 15 years, the term of the loan, as a sinking fund.

Alderman Mable almost started an almost lengthy discussion on the merits of the Sooke Lake scheme when he suggested that it would be better to submit the measure on the date of the civic election. It should be left until the new council is elected. During the election campaign the people do not take as keen an interest in such matters as they should and besides the ratepayers would like to know what the composition of the council which is to spend the money will be, while further information on the scheme is necessary.

Alderman Henderson declared the ratepayers want Sooke Lake and showed that when they turned down the bylaw to raise money to purchase the Esquimalt Water Works system. The election date was, he believed, the proper time to submit the bylaw as a much larger vote will turn out and thus defeat any efforts of interested parties to defeat the measure. As to the possibility of the new council not being such as the people would trust with any large expenditure, Alderman Henderson stated that only a very small portion of the \$1,500,000 would be spent next year or even in the year following. The work will take about five years and if the council in that period proves itself incapable the electors could change it at the next election. The people, Alderman Henderson declared, know what they want. The measure was then advanced as far as possible and will be submitted.

Money for Schools.

Prior to the consideration of the above measure that to authorize the raising of \$15,000 for school purposes was taken up. Under the impression that it was the water bylaw Alderman Henderson arose and commenced an eloquent appeal on the necessity of passing it but the general laugh which greeted him drew his attention to his mistake and he was forced to subside until the measure he advocates came up. The school board bylaw calls for \$15,000 to raise \$15,000, though the amount actually required is \$17,000 net. The extra amount is asked for in order to provide for any possible discount at which the bonds may sell. The amount is to be used as follows: \$150,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection thereon of a high school; \$14,000 for the addition of a four-roomed wing at the Victoria West school and \$10,000 for the erection of a frame school on the site recently secured at the corner of Bank street and Leighton Road. This bylaw will also be submitted to the ratepayers at the forthcoming civic election.

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NEED NOT FEAR ACTION FROM HERE

Even if Robert Craven and His Juvenile Bride Told the Sheriff Fibs

No action will be taken by the Attorney-General's department of British Columbia toward the initiation of a writ of habeas corpus for the return of the province under charges of perjury of Robert Craven and his bride (nee Florence Lucille Simpson) of Seattle, whose marriage was consummated in this city about ten days ago, after they had obtained the necessary license from Sheriff Richards, declaring their respective ages as 23 and 24. Craven is alleged to be in reality only seventeen and Mrs. Craven two years his junior.

The lad has just been awarded possession of his bride by order of Judge Gilliam of the Sound city, who dismissed the charges of abduction preferred by the parents of the girl. The complainants in the proceedings taken in Seattle are stated to have used as a weapon the alleged fact that the young people had rendered themselves liable to prosecution for perjury by their sworn statements when making application for the marriage license, and, said Judge Gilliam, was a party outside the jurisdiction and cognizance of the American courts. On this side it is held that the matter is not really a British Columbia issue, nor justifying provincial interference in the direction of such criminal proceedings as have been suggested.

Had Sympathy of Court
Craven secured his bride only by strenuous fighting for her in the Seattle courts, countering on the abduction charge by himself filing proceedings under habeas corpus last Wednesday afternoon.

The couple returned to the home of Mrs. Bertha Simpson, at Fortieth street and Latona avenue, Seattle, on Dec. 16, and instead of receiving the maternal forgiveness, Mrs. Simpson seized her daughter and kept her under restraint. Mr. Simpson had an information sworn out charging the boy with abduction. This case was dismissed before Justice Fred Brown on Thursday. Meanwhile on Wednesday Judge Gilliam heard the habeas corpus proceedings, and served his decision until Christmas eve.

"If Craven committed perjury at Victoria by swearing that he and his bride were of legal age, that is a mat-

have the same repaired. With regard to the closing of the water course, all necessary catch-basins and connections have been completed, and no further complaint is anticipated in this locality by reason of the stopping out of the water course.

Re petition of A. W. Jones, et al., asking that McClure street between Vancouver street and Cook street, be improved. Recommended that the petitioners be informed that steps have already been taken to construct a permanent sidewalk on the south side of said street, and boulevards on both sides and that the improvement of the roadway in accordance with the wish of the petitioners will be undertaken in the near future.

Re communication of J. M. Malcolm, calling attention to the condition of the box drain on Hillside avenue in front of his property. Recommended that a new drain be constructed as soon as funds are available for the purpose.

Re communication of Wm. Fairall, complaining of an accumulation of surface water in front of his residence, Springfield avenue. Recommended that it will be necessary for him to construct a permanent drain on said avenue before the nuisance can be abated.

Re petition of H. T. Gravin, et al., protesting against the construction of boulevards on Hulton street. Recommended that the petitioners be informed that it is not the intention to set out boulevards on this street, and that the loose earth dumped there is for the purpose of filling in the space between the sidewalk and the curb.

Communication of F. G. Wyatt, re flooding of his property, lots 35 and 36, block 24, 7th Road, near the city hall. Recommended that the writer be informed that on account of the low lying district where these lots are situated, the city can in no way be held responsible for the flooding of his property.

Recommended that sub-divisional plan of part of block 29, section 4, being an addition to registered plan No. 971, Victoria city, be approved by the council.

Meeting Postponed.

The monthly meeting of the Theatrical Stage Employees Local 163 has been postponed from Sunday, January 2nd until Sunday, January 3rd, 1910, to allow the members of the above union to spend the day and evening with their relatives and friends.

Their Golden Wedding.

Tomorrow Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare will receive at their residence, Blanchard street, the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. They will be at home from 3 to 6 and from 8 to 10 p.m. No presents.

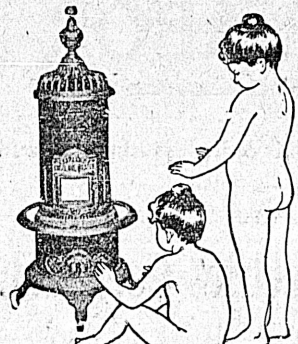
Mill Completed.

The reconstructed Brackman-Ker mill at the outer wharf will shortly be ready for business, the contractor, George Bishop, having about finished his job. The new building which replaces the one recently destroyed by fire is much more commodious than the old one, and is, besides, a much more substantial structure.

Paper on Northern Cariboo.

An address on "Northern Cariboo," by F. C. Swannell, of this city, was the feature of the regular meeting of the Natural History society, held last evening. Mr. Swannell gave a graphic account of his impressions of the remote sections of British Columbia gleaned in the course of his recent tour in the capacity of a surveyor. He described the upper Fraser country, the Stewart Lake district, the Nechako valley, and the Tellico—all of which sections are prominently before the eyes of the public as a result of the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. His remarks were exceedingly interesting, and were rendered the more so by the display of his hundred or more slides of splendid photographs taken by himself. The members afterwards expressed themselves as exceedingly pleased, and accorded Mr. Swannell a hearty vote of thanks.

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ter for the British Columbia court," said Judge Gilliam. "The fact before this court is that he is legally married to Florence Simpson and that the act of marriage makes him of legal age from him and the only way in which he can make the case is to grant the petition and award the husband his bride."

Though the decision of the court restored Mrs. Craven to her husband, it was plain that the parents of the bride had leverage on the young couple through the possibility of pressing perjury charges against him in Victoria. There was a family council at the conclusion of the court proceedings, and an attempt at a reconciliation. While the mother was inclined to be forgiving, the father remained obstinate, and announced that the young couple would not be received at his home.

Then the young husband, who had grown decidedly nervous, cut the Gordian knot by tucking the arm of his bride through his own and walking out of the courthouse to commence the battle of life with his bride.

Craven has rented a room from his brother at the Fairbanks apartments, where the young couple will make their home. From his brother he receives employment at \$2.50 per day, with which to provide for his family.

AMUSEMENTS

Pantages New Show

It's simply a good show all the way through and of equal quality as compared with the exceptional program of last week. Every number of the new bill is of the jolly, merry-making kind, not even excepting the Japanese troupe of acrobats, for there are comedy moments during this great exhibition of skill and agility. Speaking of these Japanese marvels, it can be truthfully said that they have it over any other act of the kind that has been here within a year and the work of the little twins is worthy especial

mention both as to cleverness and cuteness. Dairs and Thorndyke, in a very laughable talking, singing and skating creation introducing the sou-brette and the coon; the Clipper Duo, real colored comedy portrayers, in southern humor and melody; Jack Dresdner, singing monologist and burlesquer of the funny kind; Arthur Ellin in a new illustrated ballad, and the pictures complete a very enjoyable list of features.

Mary Jane's Pa
In "Mary Jane's Pa," an idyllic mid-west comedy by Edith Ellis, there is an exquisite handling of the loves of the human soul as to require a most clever company to do it justice, and as Mr. John Cort never does things half way, it is safe to conclude that the company supporting Max Fligman in this production at the Victoria theatre, tomorrow evening, is strong and well cast.

They say that the story of Edith Ellis' play parallels the poetic tale of Tennyson's "Enoch Arden," until the ending which in "Mary Jane's Pa" is most happy. So amid the pastoral surroundings indicated, one may expect a tale involving the love of a parent for the child, husband for wife, and lover for sweetheart, well depicted and well acted. While Mr. Cort is making no blatant announcements, it is said that the conclusion of the second act, when a newspaper is turned from the press, is most thrilling.

Helen Lackaye is Mr. Fligman's leading woman, and among the other members of the cast are: Messrs. Ernest Warde, Franklin Scargitt, Edwin Chapman, John C. King, Tony West, Charles Merriwell, G. H. Stewart, the Misses Dorothy Phillips, Nina Ainscoe, Helen Hartley and Little Gretchen Hartman.

Mr. William Lawson, from Seattle, spent Christmas in Victoria with his mother and sisters, and returned home on Sunday night.

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In Woman's Realm

Here and There

Up to the present, Canadian schools have not attempted to fit young people for the actual work of earning a living. It is true that many of the toll worn farmers of a past generation declared that they hoped their sons would never have to work as hard as they had done. They accordingly worked more strenuously than ever and denied themselves many things that the children should go to school. Then the brightest of their sons was sent to college, others found their way to the cities where they obtained situations as clerks or learned trades. The eldest, as a rule, remained on the farm and helped his father to support the younger children, till he, in his turn, married and had a family of his own.

Usually the country bred boys were successful, though many of them lived to realize that there was severer and more ill-paid drudgery than that of the farmer. The young men from the colleges entered professions, usually earning enough in the long vacations or by coaching to pay their own expenses. This was for them a training, which helped to fit them for success in their chosen calling whatever it might be.

Each succeeding generation strove to give its children a better education than their fathers had received. It was but rarely that the boys who left home to go to high school or university returned to the farm. The consequence has been that in many districts good land has been left uncultivated for want of efficient labor.

If the evil, if it be really an evil, has been increased since the opening up of the west. Young men endure hardships, unthought of at home, both on the prairies and in the lumberwoods and mining lands of the west in the hope of making a fortune quickly. Thousands of them have, by their enterprising, succeeded.

But gradually there has grown up among the people a belief that the life on the farm may be as profitable and vastly more pleasant than life in most occupations in the city. Besides this, it is realized that the future of the country depends on the successful cultivation of the land. The first of the provinces to meet the need for the special education needed for the farmers was Ontario. It is many years since the Agricultural college at Guelph was opened, and it is safe to say that there is not a district from Victoria to Halifax where to some degree, conditions have not improved owing to the influence of this school.

The splendid college at St. Anne de Bellevue, founded by Sir William Macdonald, and directed by Principal Robertson will send east and west with and women imbued with the love of country life and fitted for agricultural pursuits by a knowledge of what science has discovered or experience taught concerning the land and its products.

It is not only in the outdoor operations of farm life that instruction is given. At Guelph, at Toronto and at Macdonald college, girls are taught in the domestic science classes the principles on which women's work in the home depends and are trained in its operations. It is too soon yet to tell whether these students will have less real culture than the men and women who graduate from the Arts Classes of the universities. The very important question whether the men who graduate from the agricultural school or the women who obtain a domestic science degree are as fit intellectually and morally for the duties of life as their fellow graduates in arts is one of very grave importance. The greatness of the country depends not only on what its people can do but upon what they are. In both cases these people will be leaders—that is if they have that in them which fits them for leadership.

But it is, after all only the few who can attend even in these days the university, whether to study agriculture, applied science or arts. There is a growing belief in most progressive countries that the mechanics, the farmers and the laborers who must form the greater part of any population should not be allowed to grow to manhood and womanhood before they acquire any knowledge that will specially fit them for their future occupations. With that end in view manual training has been introduced in many schools. Thus it is contended, that all pupils a certain degree of manual skill which will make it easier to learn any trade. Cooking and sewing classes for girls tend in the same direction. In country districts it is believed school gardens would give the children a love for rural occupations and give them practical knowledge which would be of use to them in after life.

But in Germany, Sweden and other countries these experiments have gone farther. There are trade schools, where boys while becoming proficient in the ordinary branches of a common school education are fitted to earn their living in a variety of ways. These are apart from the technical schools of the large cities which are entered after ordinary days are over and where skill in the more difficult handicrafts or in manufactures is acquired.

In Toronto, Montreal and Halifax such schools are already established but nothing corresponding to trade schools exist anywhere in Canada, unless, indeed it be in the reformatories. Perhaps in the Canada of today ex-

cept for farmers the greatest demand is for unskilled labor. A vast amount of work must be done that needs above all else the strength of body. But when our railroads are built, our streets completed and our waterworks systems perfected there will be work for the next generation to do in competing with the workers of the world in our own and in foreign markets. Are our present systems of education the best that can be devised to make of Canadians a great and efficient people?

Mrs. Pankhurst has returned to England, disappointed, so it is said, with the result of her mission. This is a matter of congratulation to all women on this continent. We, in Canada at least, have no grievances that would give the slightest excuse for such a policy as the suffragettes of Great Britain are pursuing. There are few occupations which are open to us and few privileges which are denied us. We have a great country to develop and in preparing our children to do their part in it, most of us feel that we have all that we have strength to accomplish. It is for these children's sake that many women desire the franchise. There are conditions, especially in the cities, which most of us think might be improved. Most mothers believe they ought to have a voice in choosing those who are trusted with the management of the country. But they prefer to exercise what influence they already possess and to wait till their husbands and brothers feel the need of their assistance to making any great agitation. They are very certain that nothing they could gain by voting would compensate them for the loss of the loss of those qualities which have, in all ages, gained the love and respect of men. So they bid goodbye without regret to Mrs. Pankhurst, able as she is admitted to be, and charming as those who met her in Toronto assert that her manners are.

The sentencing of another lad to the reformatory reminds us of the necessity of a juvenile court and yet more of a detention home and probation officer. The robberies for which these lads were convicted were not, it is said, to say the least they had committed. If when kindhearted property owners first noticed that these boys were dishonest they could have felt that their offences would have been wisely dealt with and received fitting punishment without exposing them to their parents to the disgrace of publicity. Little offence might not have been condoned till the habit of dishonesty had grown too strong to be resisted. There are other children who are on the road to ruin. Excellent as the reformatory may be it is neither kind, wise nor right to allow children to grow up as to fit themselves as inmates for it. The establishment of a juvenile court is one of the matters which the Women's Council have undertaken to advance and in the work they ought to have the co-operation of all the fathers of the city.

EMPRESS BALL ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Preparations Complete For Annual Christmas Event—Admirable Musical Programme.

The Christmas ball, under the auspices of the Empress hotel employees which will take place tomorrow evening, promises to prove one of the most enjoyable events of the season. For some weeks special committees have been busy making the necessary arrangements and so expeditiously as well as thoroughly have they performed their duties that there is little further requiring attention. The decorations—simple, artistic and in keeping with the season—are complete. It is announced by those in charge that the south door will be used for the reception of guests where cards must be presented.

Subjoined is the musical programme to be rendered by Busby's orchestra, which speaks for itself.

Programme.
Extra Waltz Summer Evening
1 Waltz La Petite Tonquinnoise
2 Two Step Sizziletta
3 Waltz Southern Smiles
4 Two Step J'Almeu Mon Amour
5 Waltz Barn Dance
6 Cuddle Up a Little Closer
7 Waltz Prince of Tonight
8 Two Step Ah! Si vous voulez
9 Waltz Gloriana
10 Two Step His Highness
11 Waltz Teddy Bear's Picnic
12 Waltz Soul Kiss
13 Two Step Love Me All the Time
14 Waltz Verschnahte
15 Two Step Sweeps Intermezzo
16 Waltz Espana
17 Two Step Pour le D'Automme
18 Waltz Stand Pat
19 Two Step Boston Waltz
20 Waltz Motor Car Gallop

"AMBASSADORS OF EMPIRE"

Sketch of Career of Hon. J. H. Turner Given in London Paper.

"The Citizen" (London) with its issue of the 26th contains a special portrait supplement, reproducing photographs of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, G.C.M.G., High Commissioner for Canada; Sir Somerset

French, K.C.M.G., Cape of Good Hope; Hon. A. A. Kirkpatrick, South Australia; Hon. Wm. Hall-Jones, High Commissioner for New Zealand; Hon. Sir Corithwaite Mason, Western Australia; Hon. Sir John W. Taverer, Victoria; Hon. Sir Horace Tozer, K.C. M.G., Queensland; Sir Richard Solomon, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., Transvaal; Mr. R. C. Russell, M.A., Natal; Mr. R. B. Brongner, Orange River Colony; Hon. J. H. Turner, British Columbia; Hon. John McCall, Tasmania; and Captain R. Muirhead Collins, R.N., C.M.G., London Representative of the Commonwealth of Australia, recently succeeded by George Reid. The group is presented under the significant caption of "Ambassadors of Empire."

Speaking more particularly of British Columbia's Agent General, who is the only representative of a Canadian province to be honored with a place among the Imperial "ambassadors," the "Citizen" says:

"Hon. J. H. Turner first went to British Columbia in 1892. He was elected to the City Council of Victoria, the capital in 1877, and served two years in that capacity, and three years, 1879 to 1881, as mayor. In 1886 he was elected to represent Victoria in the legislative assembly of the province, and joined the government of the Hon. John Robson in 1887 as Minister of Finance and Agriculture. He was returned by the same district as member in six subsequent elections, continuing in the same cabinet position until 1898, and again in 1899 to 1901. He was premier of the province from 1895 to 1898 and introduced the budget for 1898. Mr. Turner also brought in and passed Acts for the encouragement of fruit growing, dairying, the formation of farmers' banks and agricultural societies, and changed the financial system by the introduction of 3 per cent. insured stock. He joined the first company of volunteers in 1864, retired into Canadian reserve militia in 1881 as Lieutenant-Colonel. He received the Fenian Raid Medal. Mr. Turner was appointed as Agent-General for the Province in London by an Act of the legislature, passed unanimously by the house in 1891, and has rendered British Columbia also distinguished service in this country."

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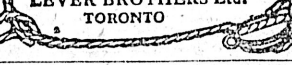
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The report that the soccer men of the British Columbia mainland have called a general meeting, to which the Victoria branch of the B.C.A.A.U. has not been invited, to consider the amateur-professional controversy, is emphatically denied by the secretary of the Vancouver Island organization. He declares that the assembly announced is bona fide, that Dan O'Sullivan, president of the Island body, will attend as the representative of this district and that the situation will be thoroughly ventilated and a sincere and an earnest endeavor to reduce the prevailing chaos to order will be attempted.

It is made clear by local officials that, while the suspension of those soccer players who have played against the Nanaimo and Ladysmith teams, which have among their number men who outside of football are pros, is made inoperative as for the time the B.C.A.A.U. has not renounced, or agreed to a compromise, of the principle for which a stand has been made since the beginning of the trouble. The Union, in other words, is of the opinion that, if sport is to be kept clean on the Pacific coast, the ruling of the Canadian Federation regarding an amateur must be adhered to in the strictest possible manner. That the reason there has been so much dissatisfaction in British Columbia is be-

cause of the vague and indistinct line drawn between the two classes is the contention of the local members of the Union. While making this claim they recognize the seriousness of the dissonance which has arisen as a result of placing a literal interpretation on the central body's definition of an amateur, and Mr. O'Sullivan will attend the conclave at Vancouver with an open mind and with the determination that, if it is possible to come to a consistent settlement, will lend whatever course is devised, his hearty approval and that of the Island branch of the Union.

Meanwhile it is Mr. O'Sullivan's desire, as is likewise that of others belonging to the organization responsible for the recent cleavage, that their position be kept free from misrepresentation. They are standing, it is stated, for clean sport, for sport conducted on the lines laid down by the highest authorities, for the only system which, in the long run, will be found to work in the interests of athletes and the athlete. And so they advise those outside of the whirlpool of the fight to stand pat, to watch developments, and not to jump to conclusions founded on the maliciously false reports which are being circulated in sporting circles every day.

ORIENTALS FIND SPORT STRENUOUS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Three Japanese football players were injured yesterday in a free-for-all fight which followed the second annual contest between the Chinese imperial eleven and the Japanese Fuji team, playing the American game. All of the players and many of the Oriental spectators joined in the hostilities. And so they continued until a riot call summoned a squad of police to the grounds. One of the injured, T. Oaki, suffered a possible fracture of the skull, and Y. Kawamura was treated at a hospital for five lacerations, made with some sharp instrument, and numerous bruises and contusions.

One other Japanese player was slightly injured. The game resulted in a victory for the Japanese team by a score of 10 to 0. The Chinese players took the ball from the field. The Japanese believed they had won possession of the ball by kicking the game and set out to recapture it. A fight followed which waged all over the field. Umbrellas, sticks, stones and knives were brought into play, and when the police arrived three of the Japanese were down.

Miss Ethel Lawson, from Vancouver, spent Christmas in Victoria, the guest of Mrs. Raymur Kingston street.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

Empress Road Race.
1. Brown, V. W. A. A.; 2. Carroll, E. A. C.; 3. Brethour, Sidney.

Rugby.
Vancouver beat Berkeley University in first of series for Keith trophy; 3 points to nil.

Association Football.
Victoria West beat A. O. F. in Island League match at Oak Bay; 5 goals to 0.
Beacon Hill beat Esquimalt in Second Division match at the Hill; 2 to 1.
Fifth Regiment beat Y. M. C. A. in Second Division game; 4 to 3.
North Ward beat Baraga in Second Division game; 2 to 1.
North Ward beat Empress in exhibition match at Oak Bay; 4 to 3.

BROWN OF V.W.A.A. WON ROAD RACE

Youth From Across Harbor Captured Distance Event of Christmas Day

By about one hundred yards, Brown, the Victoria West club's entry, captured the Empress Association's annual Christmas Day five mile race. Following was Carroll, picked for a winner by the members of the E.A.C., who still believe that he would have succeeded in holding the cup had the gruelling race not developed "sack" in his side when the course had been about three-quarters covered. The others were bunched closely behind with the one exception of Pinn, of the Fifth Regiment, who dropped out, very much the worse for wear, at Beacon Hill.

It was a pretty race—one of the finest road contests that Victoria sportsmen have been privileged to witness. Christmas morning found Old Father Pluvius in a good humor. He had furnished clear weather, the clouds draped with a thin mantle of snow, and the roads in fairly good condition while a trifle on the soft side. But the atmosphere had a nip to it that made the boys throw their heads forward with the air of thoroughbreds and start off at the sound of the gun, handled by W. H. Wilkerson, with enthusiastic willingness. In short all were feeling in splendid fettle, the vision of a handsome silver cup was in everyone's mind, and the grind was begun at a whipping pace which critics correctly surmised could not be maintained for the full distance.

The Time

However, the race didn't slacken much. The five hundred spectators who gathered at the entrance of the hotel to watch the first scene had to wait exactly 25.25 for the finale. There were no incidents of special importance during the running with the single exception of the elimination of Pinn, of the Fifth Regiment, and the downfall of Carroll, who, until after circling the Beacon Hill track, was keeping well on even terms with the swinging stride set by the athlete from across the harbor. At this critical juncture he was assailed with pains, and, although he kept doggedly at the grind, he wasn't able to hold his own with the free moving leader. And so those assembled at the wire saw Brown first, and about one hundred yards behind the Empress Athletic club's favorite. The results in detail follow:

1. Brown, V.W.A.A.
2. Carroll, E.A.C.
3. Brethour, Sidney.
4. Carroll, E.A.C.
5. Kersey, E.A.C.
6. Coates, N.W.A.A.
7. Case, J.B.A.A.
8. Johnson, Y.M.C.A.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. H. D. Helmecken in the rotunda of the hotel, those successful being congratulated in appropriate terms.

SCORED IN LAST MINUTE AND WON

Vancouver Fifteen Played Real Rugby Against Berkeley's Athletes

VANCOUVER, Dec. 25.—With but one minute of play left, McLog, Vancouver's clever right winger, dashed over with a try and won the game for his side after a match which will remain in the memory of the 5,000 spectators as the hardest, most exciting, and greatest rugby game ever seen at Brockton Point. Vancouver simply gave Berkeley no rest, but the splendid defence of the Californians kept a score out until time was nearly gone.

The demonstration which followed McLog's score was remarkable. The crowds climbed the fences and as soon as the whistle for time hundreds of rovers made a rush for the players and carried them off shoulder high. "Three points to nil was the final score for the shot at goal failed and the fact that Vancouver has thus won the first of the series of three games is most encouraging. California came here with a reputation and their display on Sunday showed that they had not been overrated but Vancouver were simply immense.

The forwards played an absolutely brilliant game. They were faster than the Berkeley pack, controlled the scrum twice of the three times, packed well, heeled well and screwed the scrum cleverly. The result was that they played all over the Californians who seldom got a chance to open out. Behind the scrum McLog, Fyson and O. Savers were always dangerous and the display shows that last Vancouver has a team which can go in and play real rugby against the best.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but it also has a tendency of the disease towards pneumonia.

A.O.F. OUTCLASSED BY VICTORIA WEST

Five to Two Result of Island League Soccer Match on Christmas Day

Victoria West, 5; A. O. F., 2. The superiority displayed by the lads in green in the Christmas Day Island League soccer match with the A. O. F. was a surprise. That the V. W. A. eleven would win was the consensus of opinion but that they would display such a distinct lead over their local rivals, after that exhibition furnished by the Foresters in their match with Nanaimo, upset all calculations. And the win was not aided by anything that could be termed fluky. The Wests' goals were well earned—in brief the score indicates the respective strength of the teams as they fronted each other and on their play in this particular game.

Spirited But Brief. Incidents were not wanting, and one at least was exciting. It occurred a few minutes after the referee, Sydney Thompson had blown the whistle which set the ball in motion. The principals were Wright, of Victoria West, and Clegg, of the A. O. F., who, after coming together rather hard in a rush, resumed the rather tame thereafter showed an inclination to treat the spectators to an impromptu exhibition of boxing. Wright let loose a "haymaker" that didn't find its mark and Clegg returned the compliment. He missed once but the next time landed and Wright tumbled in a heap. His Irish blood boiling at this gross infringement of the rules, at such a flagrant disregard of his authority, Referee Thompson advanced on the combatants and majestically waved them from the field announcing

THE RACE'S PROGRESS.

The standing of the Second Division teams follows:

Team	P.W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Beacon Hill	10	3	0	13
North Ward	8	7	0	14
Victoria West	7	5	1	11
Empress	9	4	0	5
Esquimalt	9	3	1	5
Fifth Reg.	9	2	2	6
Baraga	9	1	2	6
Y. M. C. A.	9	1	0	8

Games to be replayed—Y. M. C. A. vs. Baraga; North Ward vs. Beacon Hill; North Ward vs. Victoria West; North Ward vs. Regiment; Esquimalt vs. Victoria West; Baraga vs. Victoria West; Empress vs. Fifth Regiment; Esquimalt vs. Y. M. C. A.

In stentorian tones that they were off for the game. Thoroughly cowed, and glancing loweringly at each other, the discomfited players retired and spent the rest of their time disconsolately looking on.

Two Heroes

Victory for the Wests was gained mainly through the efforts of two forwards, namely, Messrs. Buxton and Bailey. The former scored three and the latter two. While Buxton is deserving of praise for the really magnificent way in which he filled his place on the extreme of the left wing and while credit is coming to Bailey for his well-earned success, it should not be overlooked that their scoring would have been impossible had it not been for the splendid defence and the first-class forward combination of the bunch. Selkirkness was lacking. Every man sent the ball where he thought it would do most good, declining to take chances to gain the kudos of the "gapping multitude."

Referring about incident it should be pointed out that the less than four penalties were awarded the A.O.F. The fact that only one of these was converted is a fitting commentary on the Forester's play. It was Malcolm who sent the sphere past Beane, and the successful being his team after some first-class work among the forwards. But the A.O.F. team played in anything but its usual style.

The Teams

The personnel of the teams follows: Victoria West—Beane, Whyte, Prevost, Kinloch, Bailey, Pettierew, Buxton, McKittrick, Sedger, Wright and Sheret.

Second Division Games

Of the four second division soccer matches played on Saturday, three of the league series, the other an exhibition contest, there was nothing of special importance. The Beacon Hills defeated Esquimalt, and the North Wards triumphed over Baraga. They still hold their respective places in the race. The detailed scores will be found in the day's summary published on this page.

AT HALF TIME

Dorando is coming to America again. He has cabled an acceptance of the challenge issued by Hayes for a full Marathon distance race at San Francisco. The event will take place in that city on the 16th of next month.

Victoria's athletes will have no excuse if they don't sit down to a Christmas dinner with excellent appetites. There's so much doing in the morning in the way of running, soccer matches, golf et al that it is a safe bet that at least some ill-fated turkeys will suffer deprivations of an atrocious character.

The other day Dr. Roller, the physician-wrestler of Seattle, got the best of that athlete of the impossible name—Zhyzsko—in a handicap match at Kansas City. There was a time limit at the end of which the Pole hadn't scored a fall and there are many who believe that the American would have won had it gone to a finish.

There is a great fight in progress in California courts over the validity of the law of the recently enacted anti-bestial law. Judge Dunn of the Superior Court has declared that any legislation in valid but his isn't the last voice. The conflict derives special



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significance from the fact that a meet is being held at the Emeryville track.

But Nelson admits that his most formidable rival this side of the pond is Ad Volgast. The little Dutchman has come into his own and there are many who believe that he will give the holder of the belt something of a run for the money—if he doesn't knock the literary pug from the pedestal from which he has been crowing these many moons.

Victoria's soccerites shouldn't imagine that British Columbia is the only place in the North Pacific where the sport is indulged in. On the other side, just eighty miles away at the outside, there is a league in full swing which comprises teams representative of Tacoma, Seattle, and the different smaller towns in that vicinity. At present Tacoma has a slight lead.

The British Columbia Amateur Union handed provincial sportsmen an acceptable Christmas box when it was decided to allow the suspensions which would follow with the strict enforcement of the C. A. A. U. ruling to remain in abeyance until the next month's conference at Vancouver. It was a wise move, a diplomatic move, and may have the effect of straightening out the tangle without further disagreeable discussion.

Hal Chase, well-known to Victoria baseball fans, was hurt in an indoor match the other day and it is reported that the New York enthusiasts were badly frightened when the news reached them. Chase is considered the finest first baseman in the world despite the fact that the statistics issued don't give him any better than thirteenth place. But then it must be remembered that he takes chances that no other player would dream of.

DRYDOCKS FOR ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC

Representative of Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson Confering With Government.

Mr. De Sola, who has been in Canada for some weeks as representative of Swan & Hunter, the Great British shipbuilding firm of Newcastle-on-Tyne, investigating the feasibility of establishing dockyards and shipbuilding plants in Canada, is in Ottawa conferring with members of the government relative to the conditions which may be relied upon in the matter of government subsidies for drydocks, orders for new naval vessels, etc. Nothing definite has yet been decided upon, but it is understood that the firm contemplate the establishment of drydocks and repairing plants both at Halifax and at Victoria or Vancouver.

Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson and Cammell Laird & Co. have received orders for two immense floating docks for the British Admiralty which are to be used for docking Breadalights. They will have lifting capacity of 23,000 tons and will be 100 feet wide and 680 feet long.

SALVED CARGO OF MONEY FROM JUNK

Big Load of Cash Without Great Value Saved With Crew of Sinking Craft.

The salvage of a cargo of money in the Yellow sea was reported by arrivals on the steamer Ningchow of the Blue Funnel line which reached port on Sunday. The Nippon Yusen kaisen steamer Takeshima maru which reached Nagasaki from Chefoo reported having found two junks in distress off North Shantung. The steamer bore down and took off their crews. One of the junks was loaded with money and the crew refused to leave. She had a very heavy cargo of cash, although its intrinsic value was not great in comparison with its bulk. The junk, bound from Yantai to Weihaiwei was laden with copper cash, of which no less than 140 make the equivalent of five cents of Canadian currency. There was cash in strings to the value of a thousand dollars, and the cargo was boated to the Japanese liner and handed over to the Chinese consul at Nagasaki.

DISASTERS OFF PORTUGAL

Five Steamers Are Stranded—Feared That Most of Crew of Steamer Cintra Are Lost.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Dispatches to Lloyds from Oporto, Portugal, report the German steamer Cintra, from Rotterdam, December 10 for Oporto, stranded on the river Duero and in a most critical condition. Two officers and a seaman were saved and the first officer and four of the crew are still aboard. It is feared the remainder, including the captain, were drowned. The German steamer Nestor is on the rocks at the entrance to the Duero river, and the British steamer Gascon has been beached on the bar. The Norwegian steamer Hyvia and Ellida are also aground at the entrance to the harbor.

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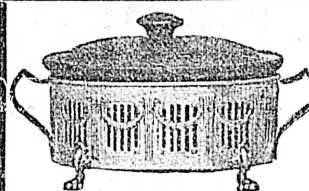
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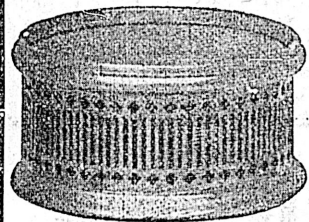


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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

C. Campbell has returned to Alberni.
R. M. Palmer arrived in England yesterday.
Hon. Richard McBride is paying a flying visit to Vancouver today.
H. E. Fitzgerald, of Alberni, is paying the Capital a business visit.
Miss Kate Nicholas is visiting her parents in Alberni.
William Russell has left for Alberni to take up his residence there.
Mrs. D. E. Ker and family are visiting Alberni friends.
R. Hill and wife, of Vancouver, spent Christmas with Victoria friends.
C. B. Burns, of Dawson, is an Empress guest.
W. H. Whittle, of the City of Mexico, is an Empress guest.
The Misses Whiting of Victoria are visiting friends in the Similkameen.
R. F. and Mrs. Green spent Christmas with Mr. Neil F. Mackay of Kaslo.

F. C. and Mrs. Wolfenden are Christmas visitors with relatives and friends here.
Charles and Mrs. Beckensell, of Seattle, are holidaying guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Steers of Vancouver street.

H. E. and Mrs. Browne have returned to Alberni, after a pleasant stay with Victoria friends.
Mrs. and Miss Calne, of Seattle, are Christmas-week visitors with friends in this city.

A. Sprout, of Alberni, is spending the Christmas with his family here.
Miss Dorothy Roblin has returned to New Alberni, after a pleasant visit with Victoria friends.

D. Dalzell, wife and family, and Robert Currie, all of De Winton, Alta., are visiting Victoria.

Angus McRae and his bride spent Christmas with Mrs. McRae's mother, Mrs. Pudney, Nanaimo.

Miss Bonnie Davis is spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Davis of Nanaimo.

J. S. Dennis, C.P.R. land commissioner, from Calgary, is spending a few days at the Empress.

Frederick A. and Mrs. Caton, of Kaslo, are spending the holidays in the Capital, and are at the Empress.

Sidney Leslie is spending the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Haddock of Ashcroft.

G. A. and Mrs. Henderson have returned to Vernon, after a pleasant holiday visit with friends on the coast.

A. W. McCallum and J. R. Mitchell, of Calgary, and H. P. Dickenson, of Rossland, spent Christmas as Empress guests.

His Honor Judge Barker, of Nanaimo, is spending the Christmas holidays with his brother-in-law, E. H. Russell, B. A., of Boyd street.

Miss Gertrude Meyer, of Vancouver, is visiting during the holidays at the home of her parents, Captain and Mrs. William Meyer of Dallas Road.

Dr. B. C. Richards, of Seattle, returned to that city last evening, after spending the Christmas with his parents, Sheriff and Mrs. E. G. Richards.

Miss Uren, who has been spending some months with relatives and friends at the Capital, has returned to her home in Savona.

Temple Godman, the well known London financier, with Fred. H. Godman and Mrs. Southgate, also of London, are at the Empress.

Mrs. Stannard is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Yarwood, Newcastle Townsite. She is accompanied by Miss Netta Stannard.

Baron Heinrich von Netpleblatt, a distinguished educationalist and writer of Buffalo, is expected to spend the last few days of the year with Victoria friends.

Ovington Watt, of Bradstreet's staff, Vancouver, returned to the Mainland on this morning's boat, after having spent Christmas with his parents at Dunelm, Menzies street.

Dr. Evans and Miss Buzzard, of Seattle, returned to that city last evening, after spending the holidays most enjoyably with Sheriff and Mrs. Richards.

Hon. I. A. and Mrs. Macdonald and family arrived Christmas evening to take up their residence here. Until their own new home is ready for them, they are at the Empress.

Misses Lois Steers and Wynn Coman, of Portland, whose musical attractions are this season being offered patrons and supporters of the Victoria Musical society, with Mrs. M. H. Steers, also of Portland, were Christmas guests at the Empress.

Hon. Charles A. Semlin, of Cache Creek, former provincial premier, is spending the holidays with Victoria friends, and was a few days ago the honored guest at a luncheon given at the Union Club by Premier McBride, when the guest list included C. E. Donley, K.C., R. P. Rithet, Hon. D. M. Eberts, K.C., A. E. McPhillips, K.C., M.P., Hon. Dr. Young, Hon. Thomas Taylor, and Hon. W. J. Bowser.

Among the Vancouverites forming the Christmas contingent at the Empress were Captain and Mrs. Porter Worsnop, Dr. and Mrs. T. Glendon Moody, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Moody, C. B. and Mrs. MacNeill, C. A. MacNeill, E. W. Rawson, R. H. and Mrs. Hill, W. C. MacKenzie, E. B. Wulken, William F. and Frank G. Gardner, E. B. Pratt, D. Boscovitz, T. E. Wilson, H. J. Hoffner, Thomas F. and Mrs. Sinclair, Thomas Jenkins, Robert Cassidy, K.C., William D. Bowell, A. T. Crighton and Franklin Moffatt.

P. D. Hillis went over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

A. W. Langley left last night on the Princess Princess Charlotte for Vancouver.

Mrs. John Johnson left last night via the C. P. R. on her return to Winnipeg.

Mrs. H. G. Lawson left last evening via the Northern Pacific on a visit to Berkeley, Cal.

Richard Angus left last evening via the Northern Pacific on a business trip to San Francisco.

John Clayton and son have left for Los Angeles on a three months' trip to Los Angeles.

A. C. Flumerfelt went over to Vancouver last night on a short business trip.

Miss Bowron returned on the Princess Charlotte yesterday from a holiday spent in Tacoma.

Mr. Frank Stevenson, the local stock broker returned to the city yesterday from a short business trip to the Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Moss of Seattle but formerly residents of this city spent Christmas day and Sunday in the city.

Mr. T. Sullivan who for several years has been absent from this city and is now a resident of Seattle yesterday paid a visit to his former home.

Miss Herma Wilson, connected with the Crane Company of Seattle returned to Seattle last night after a pleasant holiday visit with her parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Duddafeld left last evening via the C. P. R. for New York, whence they will sail on the White Star liner Laurentic on an extended trip to the Old Country.

Among the passengers on the Princess Charlotte for Vancouver last night were J. D. Bell, Mrs. James, E. W. Hawkins, Miss King, Dr. Bamford, A. Grant, D. Herbert, R. P. Ayres, Mrs. Hurst, Miss McDonald, Miss Neville, Miss Irving, L. Cuthbertson.

At the residence of Mr. Wilber Bell, Edmonton road, on Saturday evening, Miss Ida Gertrude, his second daughter, and Mr. George Henry Rolland, were united in the bonds of matrimony.

Rev. T. E. Holling, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, officiated, the contracting parties standing beneath a large and beautiful bell of holly. Miss Baker played the wedding march.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place in St. Paul's church, Victoria West on Friday evening, when Mr. D. C. Hutchison, manager of Hutchison Bros., was united in marriage to Miss Effie C. B. Croft, of Discovery Island.

The groom was supported by Mr. William Dixon, and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Edith Croft. After a honeymoon trip to Vancouver and Sound cities, the young couple will make their home in their newly-erected residence on McPherson avenue, Victoria West. The Rev. D. MacRae conducted the marriage service.

The bride was becomingly gowned in a dress of white net and real lace with pearl trimming over white silk. She wore a bridal veil with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. Miss Flossie Baker was bridesmaid, and Miss Estelle Bell, a niece of the bride, acted as flower girl.

The former wore pink silk and carried a bouquet of carnations to match, while the latter was gowned in white silk and carried a basket of pink carnations. Mr. Shann, of Vancouver, supported the groom. A pendant of pearls was the groom's gift to the bride; a pearl brooch, that to the bridesmaid, and a pearl stick pin that to the groomsmen.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party and the guests sat down to supper, the table being tastefully decorated. A number of the young lady friends of the bride were responsible for the adornment and the cuisine and it reflected signal credit upon their energy and taste. Afterwards a short and impromptu musical programme was rendered. Vocal solos were contributed by the Misses Sheritt and Cocker, Mrs. Bell and Miss Elaine Bell. Miss Stell gave a piano solo.

Many beautiful presents were received by Mr. and Mrs. Rolland who left on the evening boat for Vancouver en route to Regina where they will take up their residence.

The invited guests were: Rev. T. E. and Mrs. Holling, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Bell and Miss Estelle Bell, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Bell and Miss Elaine Bell of Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Baker and the Misses Baker, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Christie, Master Edgar and Miss Norma Christie, Mrs. Robert Barber of Seattle, Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Clemence, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mrs. and Miss Foxall, Miss Sheritt, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Stone, Miss Cocker, Mr. Shann, Mr. Cleary, Mrs. and Miss Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. Steele, Miss Sara Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grant, Miss Edna Grant, Mrs. John Grant, Miss Tillie Grant, Mrs. and Miss Teague, Miss Holly, Mr. and Mrs. Babbington, Mr. Archie and Miss Babbington, Mr. and Mrs. Jalland, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Conyers, Master and Miss Conyers, Mr. F. L. Randall, Mr. P. S. McCutcheon, Mr. Pyne, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse, Mrs. Higgins, Mr. Thrasher of Regina, Mr. McCachran, Mr. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Sherridan, Mr. Uilmann, Mr. W. Whiting, Miss Cleary, Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Mr. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Bolding.

Colonel Carey, of the Royal Engineers, who for some time past has been stationed at Dublin has arrived in Victoria, accompanied by Mrs. Carey, and they intend spending the rest of the winter here.

They were accompanied as far as Vancouver by Mrs. Carey's sister, Miss Moren, of Halifax, who has been travelling in Europe for the last year.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mitchell-Innes expect to leave in a few weeks for England.

The Hon. G. and Mrs. Riley, of Victoria, went to Buffalo to spend Christmas.

Mr. Camble and the Misses Camble, of Vancouver, spent Christmas in Victoria, the guests of Mrs. R. G. Tatlow.

Miss Whelan, of Victoria, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Mathers, Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Halliday, of Vancouver, who were in town last week for a few days, spent Christmas in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Mettelle Parry and children, who recently went over to Vancouver, have taken apartments at the Badminton.

Mr. Lawrence Long, of Vancouver, spent Christmas in the city with his sister.

Mr. J. Gillis, school inspector, is over from New Westminster, and is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. H. B. Phillips, from Tacoma, who has been spending the past week in Victoria, left on her return home yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. Emery, from Ottawa, spent Christmas in Victoria the guests of relatives. They are leaving for home at the end of this week.

The Misses Lovell have returned to Victoria, after a six months' visit to England, returning home through the States.

Mr. and Mrs. Holston and Miss Rolston, and Mr. Ted Farris, spent Christmas at Duncan, and returned to town on Sunday.

Miss G. Mackay spent Christmas at South Pender Island the guest of Mrs. A. Spalding.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. A. Fletcher, who spent Christmas in Vancouver, have returned to town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gardner, from Seattle, who spent Christmas in Victoria the guests of relatives, are returning home today.

Captain Richards from Boston, Mass., who has been visiting relatives in the city, went over to Vancouver on Christmas night.

Among week-end visitors in town from Vancouver were: Messrs. T. E. Wilson, T. Jenkins, J. A. Shand, W. M. Gowell, A. T. Crighton, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Worsnop, Stanley McLeod, D. T. Glendon Moody and Mrs. Moody, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wier and Mrs. Wier, and Mrs. R. H. Hill, Mr. William F. Gardener and Mr. W. G. Mackenzie.

Among recent visitors in Vancouver from Victoria have been Mr. J. Mowat, Mr. A. J. Buttler, Mr. E. A. Ballwell, Mr. V. A. Wolfenden, Mrs. Bell, Mr. A. quiet but interesting event took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Derwent avenue, on the 27th November, when the Rev. D. McGillivray united Miss Elsie, second daughter of Mr. J. J. Wier and Mrs. Wier, and Mr. Walter Roy Theal, formerly of the Cumberland branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, second son of Capt. Winfield

Theal and Mrs. Theal, of St. John, N. B. The bride was becomingly attired in a princess gown of cream novelty cloth and the going away costume was of self striped reseda cloth with hat and furs to match. Most hearty congratulations and good wishes follow Mr. and Mrs. Theal to their home in Vancouver, where in future they will reside. The bride is well known in Victoria, where she resided for a number of years with her parents, before moving with them to Cumberland, where her father is editor of the Cumberland News.

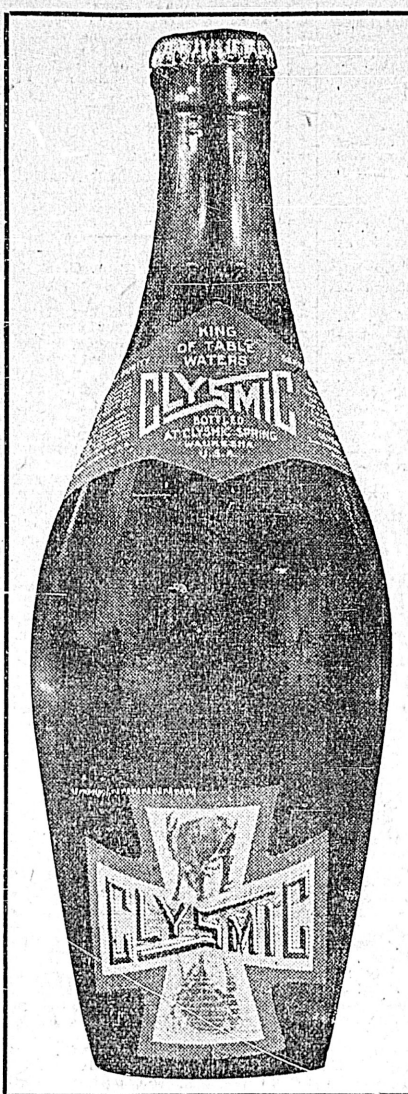
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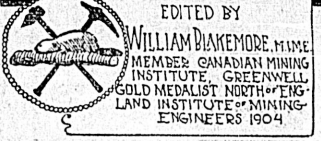
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Mining Department.



The Slocan in 1909.

Silver lead mining in the Silvery Slocan has seen its ups and downs since the days when the Payne mine was all its glory, and yet it seems as if the prosperity of former days is in a fair way to be revived, and if the Slocan has to yield its pre-eminence to other districts the Kootenay can still claim at least one mine which vies with the finest producers of galena ore on the continent. The St. Eugene at Moyie is in a class by itself, producing as it does in the neighborhood of 75 per cent of the total tonnage of lead ore mined in the Kootenays. The reserves at this celebrated mine are large, and there is at present no indication that for many years to come they will approach exhaustion.

The Sullivan.

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for it is more than twelve years since the North Star was looked upon as one of the most promising mines in the interior. The North Star had a brief and rather inglorious career, for when the lead carbonates, which were so conspicuous on the surface, had been dug out there was no permanent vein in the property, or at any rate it could not be located, and so one of the earliest shippers of the Kootenay went to the bonanza. A few years later the Sullivan branched out, Spokane people took it in hand, the company was reorganized, a smelter was built, and four years ago it began to treat its own ore. But still things did not go well. The New York financial panic struck it a heavy blow, and later the low price of lead still further limited its profits, and just when it looked as if matters had reached a crisis the good fairy of the Kootenays, the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co., stepped in, took over the property, and is preparing to do extensive development work and to ship the ore, not to the Marysville but, to the Trail smelter.

A Good Fairy.

The fact of the matter is that the industry is being kept alive by the energy and enterprise of the C. P. R., which owns the Consolidated Mining and Smelting company. It is easy to say that this concern is bound to do all it can to further the interests of the mining industry, because it has its railways through the Kootenay and must seek freight, and mineral constitutes in inconsiderable portion of the total tonnage carried on its lines.

Then, again, it owns the Trail smelter, which was purchased from August Heintze, and has been enlarged and equipped at an enormous expense. Further, the Trail smelter has developed the electrolytic process, and has for some years been a shipper of cheap lead, and is now preparing to treat zinc, and produce zinc "white" to compete with the American imported product.

There is a further and final consideration, that the C. P. R. is now the owner of extensive coal mines at Hosmer, and for the product a market can be found. Much of the coal can be used for steaming and domestic purposes but, there is more profit in making coke than in selling raw coal, and coke is required only for smelting. From this it will be seen that the C. P. R. has every incentive to stand by the mining industry of the Kootenays, and in doing so it is serving its own purpose. On the other hand it is only fair to say that this gigantic corporation has always treated the mining interests with consideration. It has financed many a mine which was struggling towards the paying point, and has in every practicable way nursed and encouraged the industry. For this reason its acquisition of the Sullivan property is the best possible good news at the close of 1909.

Whitewater.

But, in spite of the fact that outside properties are responsible for so large a percentage of the tonnage produced the Silvery Slocan is still justifying its title, and in the Whitewater Deep mines, it has two important producers

of high grade ore. During the year these two mines between them are responsible for a combined output of 7,000 tons of ore, 3,000 being silver lead and 4,000 zinc concentrate. The Deep is the larger producer of the two with 1777 tons of silver lead and 3,192 of zinc. Considerable development work has been done this year. A long crosscut tunnel has been driven to cut the big vein at depth. This tunnel was nearly 5,000 feet in length, and tenders are now being called for an upraise to the higher workings. The raise will be 550 feet, and a three-compartment drift is contemplated. The tunnel will be similar to the one completed over a year ago at the Rambler.

The Whitewater is second in shipment, its output being 1230 tons of silver lead and 848 of zinc. It is being worked in conjunction with the Deep under the management of Mr. J. L. Retallack, and these two mines are by far the largest employers of labor in the Slocan. They have kept the local mill in operation nearly all the year working on the ores of both mines. The zinc ore was exported to the States.

The Rambler.

The next important silver lead shipper is the Rambler with an output of 1142 tons, most of this has come from development work, and much of it from the upraise driven from the long tunnel. The mine has extensive ore in reserve but is holding back until the price of metal rises higher. The Rambler enjoys the unique distinction of being the first property in the Slocan to undertake deep development. The extensive work which this project necessitated was successfully carried out by Mr. W. T. Zwicky, and now other mines are following the lead.

Lucky Jim.

A mine which has received much attention during the year is the Lucky Jim which was acquired some years ago by the veteran mine manager of the district, Mr. George Hughes. After being one of the largest silver-lead producers and developing into a zinc mine it fell on evil days, and lay idle for a number of years. Then Mr. Hughes took it in hand and surprised the outside world by making large shipments. Last spring he sold the property to a Spokane company, which is now operating it under the management of Mr. G. W. Loper. Shipments re-started last April, and since then the tonnage amounts to 1,600 tons. The grade is the highest in the province, or indeed in the western states. The property is now being extensively developed, and it is likely that a concentrator will be erected there next spring.

Smaller Producers.

A number of smaller properties have shipped a limited quantity of high grade ore. The Cork on the South Fork, belonging to the Selkirk Mining and Milling company, is responsible for having sent out 483 tons of concentrate. Recently a zinc zone has been encountered in this mine and it is expected that the mill will be remodelled in order that it may handle the zinc product.

The Plant has shipped 129 tons of high grade ore. This is one of the properties which has made a success on the co-operative system.

The Bismarck, also on the South Fork, has shipped 324 tons of crude ore. A good strike was made in this mine on the lower level a year ago, and this year an upraise of 250 feet has been driven. As it passed through ore almost continuously, the Bismarck is expected to be a regular shipper over the

snow. The upraise recently cut through gives a vertical depth of 500 feet, and the ore in places goes as high as 160 ounces of silver to the ton. Among other shipping mines on the Kaslo and Slocan railway may be mentioned the Wellington, the Panama, the Rio, from all of which a small tonnage of rich ore has been taken. The latter property is being exploited by Mr. W. E. Zwickly, formerly of the Rambler.

Sandon Mines.

Nearer to Sandon the Richmond-Eureka property, owned by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting company, is one of the most noteworthy. It has been systematically worked for some years past, large ore bodies have been uncovered and it is expected that ultimately a concentrator will be erected. The ore is low grade, but can be profitably worked by a smaller company. The historic mine has done little this year except continue its development work, but is still in the field, and will do better next season.

The Slocan Star is getting ready for something big. Byron White has announced his intention of spending a large sum in development and of making the Star a larger shipper than ever before.

A review of the Sandon district would be incomplete without some reference to the Payne mine, all that can be said is that considerable exploring has been going on but with some doubt as to the result. However, it is the opinion of old-timers that, though asleep, it is not dead, and that it will be heard of in the near future.

The Reco is expected to work all winter. It is now under lease to M. Zattoni. The historic Noble Five has been kept at work with a small crew. In the opinion of good miners there is plenty of ore in the Noble Five yet. The property lay idle for many years, but when Mr. Dunsmyth settles his litigation with the last camp, it is sure to be a considerable shipper once more.

The Surprise.

The most notable event of the year in the whole of the Slocan district, is the discovery of rich ore at a depth of 1100 feet in the Surprise mine. This property adjoins the Last Chance and the Noble Five, and in the early days of the camp was a considerable shipper. Six years ago the management commenced deep development, on the same system and at about the same time, as the Rambler. This work has continued ever since, and recently the vein was cut into. The quality of the ore at this great depth is just the same as that of the rich outcroppings taken from the surface in the early days.

The Surprise has reached the greatest depth of any of the silver-lead mines in the province and is taken to have solved the problem of values at depth. There is every expectation that the Surprise will become one of the largest shippers in the Slocan and in any event its experience is sure to stimulate deep work, and will probably lead to a second lease of life for most of the silver-lead mines.

Acknowledgments.

For many of the figures and facts quoted in the foregoing article the editor of the mining department of the Colonist wishes to acknowledge his indebtedness to the Kootenay papers, and in particular to the "Kootenaiian."

Burglars Busy at Vancouver.

Wright's jewelry store at 2444 Westminster avenue, Vancouver was burglarized Sunday night and it is esti-

mated that more than \$10,000 worth of jewelry was secured. Entrance was gained by prying open a rear window. Watches, chains and rings of considerable value were taken. Not the slightest clue was left behind for the detectives to work on. The robbery was made easy by the leaving of the curtains on the front windows pulled down and the electric lights extinguished. A police constable passed the store several times during the night but heard no suspicious sounds.

As a result of a Christmas morning fracas in Vancouver, Raymond Miller is in the hospital at the Terminal City, and Eugene Cullity a prisoner, awaiting developments in the case of the injured man, which may result in a charge of murder being advanced by the authorities. The stabbing was the outcome of a drinking quarrel.

SAYS YALE AND HARVARD MAY COME

Boston Despatch Which Finds Little Chance on Pacific Says They May Be Brought Around Horn.

The steamer Umatilla, of the Pacific Coast Steamship company arrived on Christmas night, with a meagre complement of passengers, of whom S. J. Burford, of the United States Immigration service, and A. B. Clark and wife debarked here, with four second-class passengers.

According to a report from Boston, which finds little chance, however, among Pacific coast shipping men, of some likelihood of the turbine steamers Yale and Harvard being brought to this coast to enter into competition with the Pacific Coast steamship company. The Boston despatch says: A plan to wind up the affairs of the Metropolitan Steamship company by the sale of its four freight steamers and the transfer of the turbine passenger steamers, Harvard and Yale, to a new Pacific Coast steamship line, was announced today by John W. McKinnon and the Assets Realization company, the legal purchasers of the property at the recent foreclosure sale.

It is expected that the sale of four freight steamers, together with the goodwill, will be sufficient to recover \$1,000,000 of the Metropolitan's \$2,500,000 5 per cent mortgage bonds. Should the fast steamers Yale and Harvard be sent to the Pacific Coast, they would enter into competition with the boats of the Pacific Coast company.

A Seattle despatch in this connection says steamship men are inclined to regard the advent of the Yale and Harvard in the Pacific Coast trade as extremely problematical, as the vessels, they are, unsuited for any of the different routes in the present state of the coast's development. The vessels were built for a fast passenger service between Boston and New York, and have berths for nearly 900 persons, with little cargo space. Steamship men point out that there is no route on the coast capable of maintaining passengers of this type at present or in the near future.

E. C. Ward, general agent of the Pacific coast Steamship company, said that he had heard nothing of the formation of a new company, and from his knowledge of the vessels he doubted that they would ever come to this coast, as there was no run for which they would be suitable.

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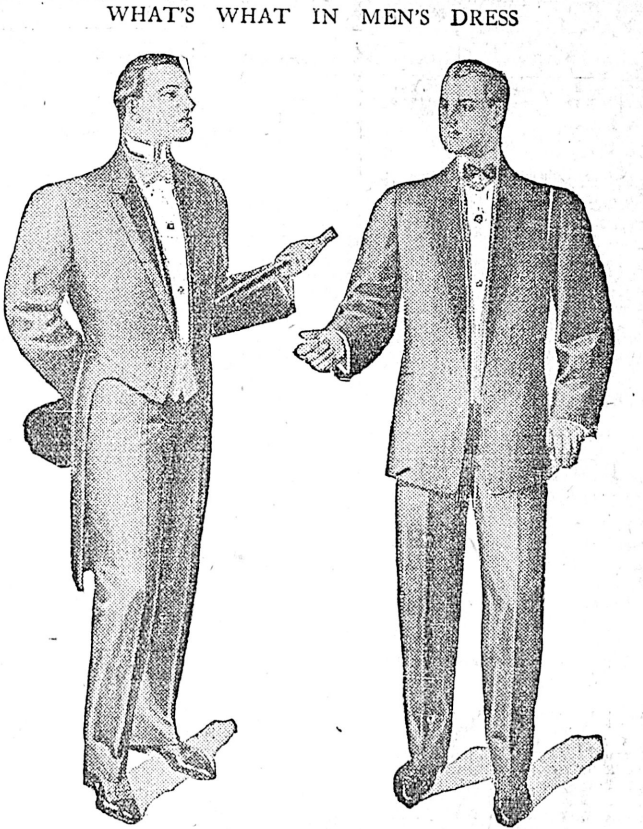
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Rear Admiral Kingsmill and Marine Department Officials Will Come to Esquimalt.

Advices received here state that Admiral Kingsmill and the deputy minister of marine and Col. Anderson, chief engineer of the Marine Fisheries department are going to Halifax to inspect the dockyard there with regard to its connection with the Canadian naval programme and will then come to Esquimalt and take over the Esquimalt naval yard from the Imperial naval officers who received instructions some time ago to turn over the yard to Canada as soon as an official arrived to take charge.

The Canadian naval question has been made a factor in the election at Ottawa. J. A. Ellis, the independent candidate, in announcing his platform in this regard said:

I am in favor of Canada giving red assistance to the Imperial navy by at once contributing a Dreadnought, and manning and officering it as far as possible with Canadians. This would provide the nucleus for a fleet unit.

The proposed Canadian navy is, we are told, to consist of three second class unarmored cruisers, and 4 torpedo boats or destroyers of the river type.

I cannot see the exact service which a "navy" composed entirely of these classes of small warships would be either to Canada or the Empire.

The naval experts of Great Britain and also Admiral "Bob" Evans of the United States, agree that this kind of a "navy" is practically useless.

The British admiralty says that local defence flotillas, consisting of torpedo craft, "cannot co-operate on the high seas in the wider duties of protection of its trade, and preventing attacks from hostile cruisers and squadrons."

The admiralty further states that unless a naval force, whatever its size "can be gradually developed into a self-contained fleet capable of both offence and defence . . . it can never

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take its proper place in the organization of an Imperial navy. The fleet unit to be aimed at should therefore be the opinion of the admiralty, consist at least of the following:

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Imperial Advice.

"As the armored cruiser is the essential part of the fleet unit, it is important that an 'Indomitable' of the 'Dreadnought' type should be the first vessel to be built in commencing the formation of a fleet unit. She should be officered and manned, as far as possible, by the colonial officers and men.

I believe the advice of the British naval experts should be followed. They know exactly what will be of most service to the Imperial navy, and also for the protection of Canadian commerce. They tell us that what Canada proposes will be of little use either to the Imperial navy or to Canada itself.

They specify clearly that the best thing which Canada can do is to contribute directly to the Imperial navy, or lay the foundation for establishing a fleet unit, by providing a 'Dreadnought', to be manned and officered as far as possible by Canadians. Such a warship could then become the nucleus of a future fleet unit. If Canada later on desired to establish such

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At no time has the British admiralty authorities recommended the establishment of an "independent Canadian navy" such as proposed.

Canada has so far rejected the proposition of the admiralty. The position now is that the admiralty has merely advised Canada as to how much in the way of a navy can be got for a certain sum of money; but the direction in which Canada proposes to spend this money has not received the approval of the Imperial naval experts.

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to waste its money in furnishing what the Empire does not want, and what will be of no use either to the Empire or to Canada.

It looks as if the Canadian Government had determined not to do anything which would be of real service to the Empire. We are to have inflicted upon us a useless but expensive "toy" navy.

If Canada will not take the advice of the naval experts and furnish what would be of real assistance both to the Empire and to Canada it would be better to do nothing at all.

New French Line

It is reported that the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique is to establish a new mail steamship service between France and Canada, receiving in return a subvention of 3,000,000f., of which each of the two countries will contribute equal shares.

Fire on Eagle

A slight outbreak of fire on board the tug Eagle, in the early hours of

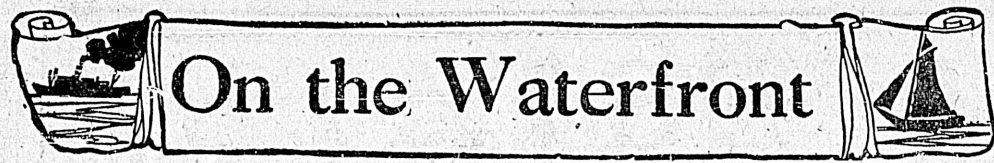
Sunday morning caused some excitement at Hind Brothers' wharf at Vancouver, but the blaze was speedily put out by the crews of the tugs Imp and Nidge. It originated in the coal-bunkers, but did no damage.

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NINGCHOW IN FROM LIVERPOOL

Blue Funnel Liner at Singapore When Survivors of Collision Arrived

STRUGGLE TO ESCAPE SHARKS

New Steamers Intended to Carry Freight and Passengers to Australia

The steamer Ningchow, of the Blue Funnel Line, Capt. Allen, reached the outer wharf on Sunday morning, with 7,143 tons of general freight, about half of which is for Vancouver and Tacoma. From there the steamer is expected to return tomorrow to discharge 900 tons of general merchandise. She landed 90 Chinese passengers here. The Ningchow encountered a heavy gale when near the meridian, and was delayed in consequence. On her homeward voyage from here the steamer carried 1,490 pilgrims from Singapore and Penang for Jeddah. The former chief officer of the Ningchow, Mr. Johnson, remained behind at Liverpool to join the new steamer Proteus, of which Captain Campbell is the new command. The steamer will leave Liverpool about two weeks hence for this port. The three new 13,000 ton steamers, which the Holt line is about to build, according to those on board the Ningchow, are intended for the Australian trade. The firm has decided to enter the passenger trade between England and the Antipodes, and the steamers will be used for that service.

News of Collision.
The Ningchow was at Singapore the day following the disastrous collision between the British India steamer Onda and the French steamer La Seyne, of the Messageries Maritimes, and some of the officers saw the damaged Onda in dock at Singapore, and was delayed in consequence. On her homeward voyage from here the steamer carried 1,490 pilgrims from Singapore and Penang for Jeddah. The former chief officer of the Ningchow, Mr. Johnson, remained behind at Liverpool to join the new steamer Proteus, of which Captain Campbell is the new command. The steamer will leave Liverpool about two weeks hence for this port. The three new 13,000 ton steamers, which the Holt line is about to build, according to those on board the Ningchow, are intended for the Australian trade. The firm has decided to enter the passenger trade between England and the Antipodes, and the steamers will be used for that service.

Other Disasters.
Not since 1857, when the Fair Penang sank the Benham and 110 were drowned, was there such a disaster in the Straits of Rhio, a waterway leading to the Singapore, and two miles wide. Eighteen collisions have since occurred there. In 1894 the Nagapoota and the French steamer La Seyne, of the Messageries Maritimes, collided with the Havensham and 60 lives, mostly native, were lost, and the Teck Seng Guan and Aing Hoe collided in the Straits of Malacca and 50 lives were lost. Of recent years there were few, the last one of any consequence being in 1906, when the Russian hire-ship, the Havensham, collided with the British steamer La Seyne, of the Messageries Maritimes, and 12 Chinese lives were lost. The Rhio Straits are narrow and intricate. They are on the high road to Java from Singapore.

Describes Scene.
The La Seyne went down in three minutes. Captain Davis, of the Onda, describing the collision, said: "I saw the starboard light of the French steamer, and thought she was passing rather too close to be pleasant, but 'green to green' would have been right enough, and as her light cleared my bow, I said, 'Thank heaven she's clear.' I then walked over to the compass to take bearings, when my officer exclaimed, 'Good God! she's coming into us,' and next instant the collision took place. The La Seyne, for some unknown reason, after crossing my bow, recrossed it, and we struck her a glancing blow on the port bow. She then drifted astern and sank."

One of the survivors, a sailor of the ship, said: "Some jumped, and many were sucked down with the vessel. I was drawn down with her, and swallowed a great deal of water. A strong current was running, and we held on to pieces of wreckage. There was no time to lower boats on the French steamer. The English ship lowered three boats with many persons. I was an hour and half in the water before I was picked up. We picked up an Armenian woman, but she died."

Terrible Sight.
"The French ship went down at once. The people were running about shrieking and screaming and calling for help. It was a terrible time. In the water it was worse. European women and children were crying to the boats to pick them up. Labouys and lights were thrown from the Onda, but the current was so strong we could not get to them. There were sharks about, and they attacked some of the people in the water. We four just managed to save our lives. Two of our mates are gone. The third engineer of the Onda was in the water when a shark attacked a Chinaman, and I saw him pushing it off with a boat-hook, but it returned and took half his foot away with it. Among the native survivors four are injured; one Chinaman is badly cut by barnacles on the ship's side, and two others, a Malay and a Lascar, were hurt by falling gear. Three European ladies and four children were drowned."

The Rescued.
The work of rescue was taken up

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

By Government Wireless.
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Clear, calm; a northeast wind 30 m. Bar. 30.23, temp. 32. Sea moderate. Passed out, steamer President at 6 p.m.; Lonsdale at 6.30 p.m.
Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Clear, calm; a northeast wind 30 m. Bar. 30.23, temp. 31. Sea smooth.
Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Fog, calm. Bar. 30.21, temp. 22. Sea smooth.
Pachena, 8 a.m.—Clear, calm. Bar. 30.26, temp. 29. Sea smooth.
Four-masted schooner off Pachena, eastbound, 8 a.m.
Eatevan, 8 a.m.—Clear and calm. Bar. 30.32, temp. 32. Sea smooth.
Cape Lazo, noon—Overcast and calm. Bar. 30.29, temp. 31. Sea moderate.
Point Grey, noon—Cloudy, calm; thick seaward. Bar. 30.32, temp. 26.
Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind northeast, 17 miles. Bar. 30.35, temp. 30. Sea moderate.
Pachena, noon—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.35, temp. 39. Sea moderate.
Whaler, westbound, at 9.30 a.m.
Cape Lazo, 3 p.m.—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.35, temp. 35. Sea moderate.

with a vim, and in all nineteen Europeans and forty-two natives were saved by these three boats. Some of them were clinging to the life-boys, and others were clinging to the wreckage which kept them afloat. A few had been unable to lay hands on anything which would help them. One of these was a Chinaman, who was seen by the third engineer, Mr. Adam, just as he was going down. Mr. Adam dived from the life-boat of which he formed a part of the crew, and reached the sinking man considerably the worse for the water he had consumed. The wreck was surrounded by sharks like bees around a honeysuckle, and many of the unfortunate who were saved were mangled by the voracious sea tigers. A European lady was picked up in an unconscious condition, but died soon afterwards, and her body was returned to the Onda's return to Singapore. It is certain that many more lives would have been saved had it not been for these voracious sea tigers. A European lady was picked up in an unconscious condition, but died soon afterwards, and her body was returned to the Onda's return to Singapore. It is certain that many more lives would have been saved had it not been for these voracious sea tigers. A European lady was picked up in an unconscious condition, but died soon afterwards, and her body was returned to the Onda's return to Singapore. It is certain that many more lives would have been saved had it not been for these voracious sea tigers.

Tinderbox of Orient.
News was received by the Ningchow that Manchuria is becoming the "tinder-box" of the Orient. It is threatened to become the cockpit of the Orient; but Japan is about to annex Korea, and the frontier has been moved forward to Manchuria. Railroads are the weapons of the preliminary struggle. Japan has the best part of the South Manchurian railroad, and is building the line from Antung to Mukden, as well as a line to the other coast of Korea. Now, where Russian activity was formerly distrusted in Manchuria, Japan has taken the position of distrust, and Russia is preparing for what many regard as an inevitable. To this end the Amur railroad is being completed. A Japanese military commission sent to investigate it, reported that it would occupy five years to complete. M. de Witte, who predicted that the Manchurian railroad and policy would involve Russia in disaster, is preaching inviolability against the Amur railroad, but he is in a small minority. Panoff, a former naval officer, now editor of the Dalny Vostok, a Russian paper published at Harbin, said a second war with Japan hangs over Russia as an abiding menace, and he advocates the strengthening of the defenses of the Siberian frontier.

Insufficient Troops.
In contradiction of the reports of half a million troops massed near Lake Balkal, Mr. Panoff estimated that there could not be more than one hundred and fifty or two hundred troops of all arms in that part of the country, a force totally inadequate as a guarantee against the attacks of a skilful and resolute foe. "Japan," continued Mr. Panoff, "naturally anticipates the recuperation of Russia in the course of time, and with her customary far-sightedness, is making preparation for every conceivable contingency, both in Korea and South Manchuria. Japan understands as well as we do that, for many years, at any rate, her only possible opponent on the continent will be Russia, while the latter, on her part, will hardly dream of entering upon a second policy of aggression single-handed."

Siberian Boundary Under Russia's Very Eyes.
The Siberian boundary under Russia's very eyes is being converted into a continuous and unbroken line of Japanese bayonets. The strategic position of Manchuria, created by Russia's own policy of extending the Chinese Eastern railway south to Port Arthur and Dalny, strengthened by the new Japanese line from Antung to Mukden and the Chinese line from Hsilingintun, has actually transformed that boundary into an extensive road for offensive action against Russian confines, and has invested it with the qualities of a possible battering ram, destined, as he puts it, at a given moment to shatter the wall between the Zabalikal and Ussuri regions, and in the Primorye from her political and strategic rear.

Suspect Japanese.
In this connection some interesting statements are made by a correspondent of the New York Herald who has returned from a trip through Russia. He said: "I cannot say that I detected anywhere in Eastern Siberia tangible evidences of active hostility toward the Japanese, who manage to make a comfortable livelihood, in gradually growing numbers, from Chita to Khabarovsk and Vladivostok, as barbers, photographers, laundrymen, small traders and, if the truth must be told, to no inconsiderable degree as caterers of vice."

Shipowner Dead.
Sir Alfred Lewis Jones, head of the firm of Elder, Dempster & Co., shipowners, died at Liverpool, Dec. 13. He was born in 1846. Sir Alfred Jones was knighted in 1901 for services to the West African colonies and to Jamaica. He was president of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce and the founder of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

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MASSES TROOPS IN SIBERIA

Russia Sees Menace of Second War in Japanese Activities in Manchuria

HURRYING THE AMUR RAILROAD

Railroads Are Weapons of the Preliminary Struggle

Russia is massing troops in Siberia, according to statements of travellers from North Manchuria and Siberia, published in Shanghai newspapers received by the Holt liner Ningchow, which arrived on Sunday from Liverpool and the Orient, with 7,130 tons of general cargo. Half a million troops are said to be encamped in the vicinity of Lake Balkal, and fifteen submarines are said to have been sent to Vladivostok. The building of the Amur railroad, 1,530 miles long, to cost \$150,000,000, is being hurried, owing to representations of Russian officials that there is menace of a second war with Japan in consequence of the struggle for dominance in Manchuria, which one returned traveller dubs "the under box of the Orient." He says the Siberian border is the scene of great activity by Japanese spies, and Vladivostok and Harbin newspapers make complaints that the Japanese gunboat Hiyel has been surveying the Kamchatka coast. Chinese newspapers allege that Japanese intrigue is growing at Peking, and that the Chinese are all plotting recent attacks by Hungtunze brigands on the railroad coles building the Antung-Mukden railroad were engineered by Japanese agents to give excuse for despatch of Japanese troops as railway guards. China has sent several squadrons of cavalry to guard the road.

Big Force at Work.
At the time of my visit about six thousand Russian laborers were employed on the construction work, and the building of the line was well advanced. It is a small number, but it will be roused by the arrival of fresh bodies of men, to the number of fifteen thousand, in addition to several hundred of constructors, contractors and clerks. Although the exclusive employment of Russian labor, as far as the engineering work is concerned, will involve an enormous increase of the cost, the Duma nevertheless decided that Chinese labor should not be made use of, and as the Russian population of the district is itself too meagre to furnish the number of hands required, the bulk of the latter has to be imported from European Russia.

Engineering Difficulties.
The engineering difficulties to be surmounted are very great. Even on horseback it is not possible to cover more than five versts an hour in many places. The scenery, however, is superb, and when the line is finished it will certainly become popular among travellers. Gold has already been discovered by the surveyors of the route in fairly large quantities and some of the diggings are being worked. The precious metal is for the most part as fine as dust and demands very highly perfected machinery for its successful exploitation. Other portions of the line are being worked up by the railway as reported to be suitable for cattle raising.

Ship Grain in Bulk.
Some Los Angeles capitalists who have chartered the Seattle steamer Macknaw for five months have a big project in contemplation. They propose to build a concrete grain elevator at San Pedro and take grain in bulk from Puget Sound and Oregon. Ultimately it is proposed to build vessels of the type used on the Great Lakes to handle bulk cargoes of grain.

The Allan Liners.
The Vancouver World says: In spite of denials by the C.P.R., of a working agreement with or controlling interest in the Allan Line of steamers on the Atlantic, reports are now rife about the waterfront to the effect that some sort of community-of-interests agreement has been formulated which will result next year in bringing to this coast, for operation from this port to the west, the two new Allan Line steamers Virginian and Victor. These vessels, if brought here, will be placed in the Oriental trade because of the continued growth of that business. Each is of 20,000 tons register and naturally would be able to handle an enormous amount of cargo, while their carrying capacity would ensure first place for the C.P.R. in the matter of Chinese steerage trade in

the heart of Manchuria, debouching on the

While it is recognized that China has no special love for the Japanese it is equally true that she has no reason to be grateful to Russia, and it is this factor of the situation which causes belief in the possibility and probability of a joint Japanese-Chinese movement against the Zabalikal, Amur and maritime provinces in the near future.

Although Mr. Panoff in his conversation with me declined to share the popular belief in the intention or ability of China to win back by the sword territories which she ceded to Russia under the Algu treaty, and that the lines of railway are being built or projected to the very banks of the Amur; that a Chinese town is contemplated at the mouth of the Sungari; that the middle stream of the Amur itself is open to Chinese steamship navigation; that the portion of the Manchurian railway which remains in Russian hands in the west is said to be already passing under the supervision and control of Chinese garrisons. In other words, it is contended that the "rights recovery" or "Young China" movement is nowhere more clearly defined and insistent than as against Russia.

See Japan in Every Move.
"If Mr. Dick could not keep King Charles' head out of his memorial, it is equally impossible for the majority of Russians in the regions under review to keep their minds free from the influence of the Chinese. It is said, under the aegis of Japan, is following the line of least resistance, which is Russia."

"I can myself testify that quite a small city has already sprung into existence immediately opposite Vladivostok on the Chinese bank of the Amur, at a spot where, as recently as the Boxer outbreak, there were few signs of human habitation. I am told that the Chinese are energetically working on a military line in the same direction, while on the Russian side, also, the line is being pushed out as a single railroad, since it is as yet premature to speak of the Amur line, which, under the most favorable auspices, cannot possibly be finished in less than seven years."

"As intimated above, the Chinese garrisons in Manchuria are growing, both along the line of the Chinese Eastern railway and neighborhood and that of the Mukden-Harbin branch. Against whom, it is asked, is China strengthening her northern boundary?"

"The facts concerning the Amur railway can be very briefly summarized. The nominal starting point of the new line is at Kholmsk, a station situated between Nerchinsk and Stretensk, on the banks of the Shilka, which flows into the Amur, and its terminus is to be Khabarovsk, at the confluence of the Amur and Ussuri rivers, a distance of approximately 2,200 miles. The line is to be built in three stages, the first 120 versts from the trunk line. "Undoubtedly, too, other, smaller branches will be pushed out from the main line to the Cossack stations on the banks of the river, and one of these, at Chasovinskaya, between Stretensk and Blagoveshchensk, perhaps, will be pushed out from the trunk line, about twenty or thirty versts away. Large stacks of rails, sleepers, bolts, rivets, nails, etc., together with a considerable quantity of rolling stock bear testimony to the fact that work is actually proceeding, though it has yet been laid on the trunk line."

Passenger Was Master of Strathgyle.
After Captain Was Left in Hospital Mate Succumbed to Fever and Capt. Sewall Took Charge.
The steamer Strathgyle has arrived at Comox to load bunker coal from Panama where she took lumber for Jebens & Ostrander. The steamer is in charge of her mate, who is ill with fever. Capt. A. D. Grant having met with an accident at the canal port which resulted in his being left behind in the hospital there. Capt. Arthur Sewall, of Port Townsend, who was a passenger north was practically in charge of the vessel, although the bedridden mate was officially her commander. At one time in the run, during a time when the Strathgyle was putting her head into a terrific storm, Capt. Sewall was on the bridge continuously for nearly forty-eight hours. The Strathgyle is under orders to load lumber for Australia.

TEES RETURNS FROM WEST COAST.
Made Fast Run From Quatsino and Way Ports—Will Sail Again on Saturday Night.
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SOUND STEAMER IS SUNK AT DOCK

Steam Schooner Tiverton Rammed the Columbia at Seattle—Mast and Funnel Only Show.

The steamer Columbia, operated between Seattle and Los Angeles, was sunk at the Standard Oil wharf on Sunday, being rammed by the steam schooner Tiverton. The Columbia, an oil-burner, had replenished her fuel supply and was waiting for the completion of the loading of oil drums upon a second schooner when the accident occurred. The Tiverton, whose registered tonnage is 336, had come over from Port Ludlow to load 200 barrels of oil. She attempted to berth on the south side of the pier, on which side the Columbia was moored. The landing was made difficult by the position of the tugboat Col. E. L. Drake, lying alongside the face of the wharf. Carried by the tide, the Tiverton rammed the Columbia amidships, punching a hole below the water line. Water soon filled her hold, and she sank in ten minutes. Only her upper works remained visible, but as the tide came in she was entirely covered with the exception of her mast and funnel.

The Columbia has a tonnage of about 120, and is owned by Capt. Goode, of Portland. During the summer she was on the Everett-Whidbey Island run in competition with the Island Transportation company's steamers. At present she runs between Bellingham and La Conner, and is subsidized by an organization of Bellingham merchants.

LONSDALE LEAVES FOR SALINA CRUZ

G. T. Symons is in Mexico Making Investigations—Interested in Salavador Line.

The steamer Lonsdale of the Canadian Mexican line left the outer wharf on Sunday night after loading 800 sacks of cement for Mexico. The steamer has a good cargo of lumber, coal and general merchandise for Guaymas and Salina Cruz.

G. T. Symons of the firm of G. T. Symons & Co., which supplies the steamer for the Canadian-Mexican line is now in Mexico. He is interested in the new service which has just been inaugurated between Salina Cruz and Acapulco in Salvador with the steamer Salvador, a vessel of 1,500 tons built by Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson, and arrangements are being effected for freight arrangements with that steamer or which will give British Columbia merchants another service to Salvador. Arrangements are being considered for a call at San Jose de Guatemala by the Salvador.

After his visit to Mexican ports Mr. Symons will leave for Chihuahua to inspect the Nitrate railroads from Iruya and Pisagua of which he is a director.

PASSENGER WAS MASTER OF STRATHGYLE

After Captain Was Left in Hospital Mate Succumbed to Fever and Capt. Sewall Took Charge.

The steamer Strathgyle has arrived at Comox to load bunker coal from Panama where she took lumber for Jebens & Ostrander. The steamer is in charge of her mate, who is ill with fever. Capt. A. D. Grant having met with an accident at the canal port which resulted in his being left behind in the hospital there. Capt. Arthur Sewall, of Port Townsend, who was a passenger north was practically in charge of the vessel, although the bedridden mate was officially her commander. At one time in the run, during a time when the Strathgyle was putting her head into a terrific storm, Capt. Sewall was on the bridge continuously for nearly forty-eight hours. The Strathgyle is under orders to load lumber for Australia.

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New Cunarder

The new steamer being built for the Cunard Co. by Messrs. Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson will, it is stated, be named the "Francis." Her tonnage will be 15,000 gross, and she will be employed in the Liverpool and Boston service.

Germany's Warships
The German programme of new construction for next year includes three battleships and one large cruiser. The appropriation for submarines has been increased from \$2,500,000 to \$3,750,000. Under the heading of guns an expenditure of \$1,962,500, an increase of \$260,000, is provided for. Torpedo armaments absorb \$2,270,000, an increase of \$202,500, and mines \$250,000, an increase of \$125,000. The sum voted for new naval construction and armaments in the estimates for 1909-10 by Great Britain was \$51,000,000 or \$8,887,500 less than the sum devoted to the same purposes by Germany.

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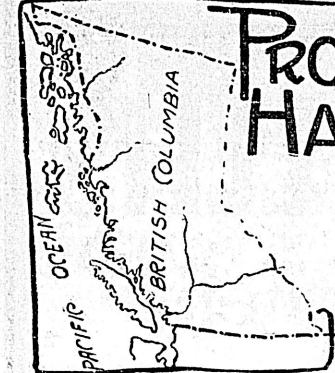
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PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS



Vernon's municipal elections are set for the 13th January.

The ice has formed a staunch bridge across the river at Alexandria.

J. W. Power is a candidate for the majority of Kaslo.

Merritt Orangemen have decided to build a fine hall of their own.

Sixty carloads of coal were shipped from the Middlebrook mines last week.

Philip Lober has bought a half interest in the Orient townsite.

The senior and junior clubs of Nelson have amalgamated.

Dr. McEwen has resumed practice at Merritt, Dr. Hale removing to Princeton.

Jack Smith, a Dominion policeman at Merritt, has been convicted and fined for drunkenness.

Mrs. Kate Hoffman, of Grand Forks, died suddenly at Spokane last Friday, of heart disease.

The marriage took place on Christmas Day of Warren Mitchell and Zilpha Oxy, both of Phoenix.

The wedding was celebrated at Merritt last week of Melville Baillie and Miss Pauline Steffens.

A new postoffice is to be opened on New Year's Day at Shingle Creek with W. J. Armstrong as postmaster.

The Okanagan Fruit Union finds Australia an exceptionally poor market for its fruit shipments.

The plant for the new Robb sawmill has arrived at Okanagan Falls from the Ontario manufacturers.

Construction of the new water grade road from Okanagan Falls to Penticton will be begun in the spring.

Friends of the late James Smith, drowned in Cultus Lake in the 2nd instant, have not yet been successful in recovering the body.

Steve Seaman, first mate of the steamer Okanagan, died last week at the Vernon general hospital, of typhoid fever.

Tenders for clearing the new school site at Sapperton must be in the hands of the board secretary by the last day of the year.

Joseph Wayson, of Nelson, who twice attempted to shoot the Socialist leader, Frank Phillips, has been committed for trial on a charge of attempted murder.

Fernie has now a male voice choir of 25 voices, organized on the lines of Victoria's famous Arion club, and with James Cartwright as conductor.

Hon. Justice Murphy has awarded \$1000 damages from the Gibbons Lumber Co. of \$1500, for the loss of two fingers.

Rev. Mr. Gifford celebrated the Christmas Day wedding at Kelowna of Reginald Thomas and Miss E. A. Ward, the latter formerly of Victoria.

By a fire at Three Valley last week, several of the Mundy Lumber company's residential buildings were destroyed.

Friends and acquaintances last week gave a complimentary banquet to A. E. Anthony, locomotive foreman at the C.P.R.'s Revelstoke shops.

Fort George is said to be the only town in America that has a newspaper, and only one white woman resident.

Lillooet witnessed a wedding a few days since of Will Haymore and Miss Maude Manson, Ven. Archdeacon Pough officiating.

Asheroff's second annual poultry show opens today, continuing three days. There are an unusual number of entries.

Thomas Mathews is to erect a new vaudeville theatre in Vancouver, at the corner of Pender and Abbott streets, at an approximate cost of \$100,000.

Reversing the usual order of things, Robert Clarence, a Vancouver musician has been fined in Seattle, for carrying a revolver.

Rev. Logie Macdonald, Presbyterian minister at Vernon has refused a call with a larger stipend, from Prince Rupert.

A serious condition is reported by the police inspector of New Westminster, who finds that the majority of the hotels of the Royal City are wholly unprovided with fire escapes.

The loyal and intelligent voters of Canoe River polling division have given Hon. Thomas Taylor a unanimous vote of seven, one possible vote not being polled.

The case of George W. Maynard, a former employee of the B. C. Electric company, charged with perjury, has been further adjourned for a week, the \$2,000 bail bond being continued.

The salmon run this year on Lake Shuswap was very small.

The Ladysmith fire brigade is in process of reorganization.

Dr. Ernest Hall addressed a large mass meeting at Vancouver Sunday on "Our Duty to the Criminal."

Dr. F. S. Reynolds, of the Nanaimo Herald, is spoken of as a possible majority candidate in the Coal City.

T. D. Conway has been appointed Dominion immigration officer at Ladysmith.

At least twenty repeaters are said to have voted at the recent municipal election in New Westminster.

At Hedley last week, Rev. G. R. B. Kinney solemnized the wedding of F. M. Gillespie and Miss Alice Maclean.

Elmer Ohney, charged with defrauding a number of Alert Bay Chinamen, has been committed for trial.

Mattie Larsen, wife of a lineman killed while in the employ of the B. C. Electric Railway Co., is suing the company for \$20,000 damages.

Kaslo fruit is reported in a letter from London to have been the cream of the British Columbia exhibit at the Royal Horticultural Society's show.

"Gunysack" Murphy, one-time owner of the famous Bayonne group of mines in Kootenay, died last week at Cranbrook, of pneumonia, aged 47 years.

Information is anxiously desired of Bill Darragh, formerly of the big Nickel Plate mine, by his nephew, another Phil Darragh, just from the County Antrim, and now of Nanaimo.

While mad with drink a few days ago at their lonely cabin on Bonaparte Mountain, Peter Grant shot his brother John in the arm. He was arrested and jailed at Concochully.

A new company is being formed in London called the British Dominion Goldfields Ltd., which will take over several leases near Beaver Pass and Lightning Creek, Cariboo.

Judge Howay of New Westminster has handed down a decision in W. J. Walker vs the Municipality of Surrey concerning the court of revision and compelling the plaintiff-appellant to pay his wild land tax.

Indications are that the Vancouver poultry and pet stock show opening on the 4th proximo will be the best exhibition of the kind ever held on the coast. The entries already number over 3,500.

Survey work in Cariboo is rapidly increasing in volume. Gore & McGregor have one party of 24 engaged in the Fort George neighborhood, and will start another party in the field in January.

An electric road is shortly to be built from Waneta via Northport to Orient. Toronto and Vancouver capital is behind the project, and the company will also acquire and operate the Northport smelter.

Penticton electors will be called upon tomorrow to decide whether a 5-year franchise shall be given the Lakeshore Telephone Co. The company is seeking no bonus or other extraordinary concessions.

The accumulation of anchor and float ice that had gathered around the falsework at the east end of the Columbia traffic bridge, broke last Monday and carried with it the piling and falsework. The mishap will considerably delay construction.

Two Chinamen were arrested for fighting in Lillooet last week, the battle being the sequel of an old "tong" feud. Later one of the duo was committed for trial on a charge of embezzlement preferred by his compatriot.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bonanoff celebrated their golden wedding at Quesnel on December 22. This is said to be the first golden wedding ever observed in Cariboo. Mr. and Mrs. Bonanoff were married in Minneapolis and came to Cariboo immediately afterwards, residing there ever since.

The six Boyer brothers of Greenwood are spending the holidays at their old home in Buckingham, Que., and incidentally helping celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of their parents. Two of "the boys" had not been home in more than a quarter of a century.

The first police court case in the history of Summerland was heard last week, when a lumberjack was fined \$25.00 for being drunk and disorderly. As Summerland is a temperance town, the existence of a blind pig is more than suspected.

"Lowery's 'Greenwood Ledge' seriously suggests to the member for Nanaimo that he include in his parliamentary programme a bill to change his name to reasonable proportions. Mr. Hawthorthwaite will doubtless give the suggestion consideration.

R. B. Angus, and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy have lost their appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada to compel P. August Hedberg to take his share of the Columbia & Western railway lands. The court holds that such action is not obligatory at any particular time.

The members of the Greenwood Club have presented to the club, formerly club secretary and a member of the staff of the Bank of British North America, with a handsome gold-mounted umbrella and a complimentary address, on the occasion of his removal from the city and district.

January 10 is nomination day at Penticton, the elections for the municipality taking place on the 15th. The slate of candidates stands: For reeve, E. Foley-Bennett and W. J. Clement; for councillors: S. J. Kinney, R. Wilton, F. H. Latimer, Charles Greer, A. S. Smith, I. M. Stevens and John Lochore.

A ferry that has just been constructed in Nelson for the provincial government for service between Kootenay Landing and the old Dewdney trail to the Bayonne country, a distance of six miles, has been towed up the river and is now ready to go into commission. This ferry will greatly facilitate transportation to and from the Bayonne district, and its establishment is greatly appreciated by those resident there. A good wagon road is to be built shortly from the ferry depot to the Bayonne mine, 18 miles distant.

S. H. Lowe has sold his large ranch at Fruitlands to the Norris Bros.

Construction and equipment of the ferry across the Columbia to connect the Tete Jaune Cache trail with the Big Bend trail, from Revelstoke have been completed.

R. Riddle is now stated to have been the name of the man killed at Natch Hill by a C.P.R. freight train, while the unfortunate fellow was sleeping on the rails.

H. Ingram, C.P.R. locomotive foreman at Nakusp, was among the slightly injured in the wreck of the C.P.R.'s Toronto-Winnipeg express on the 24th at Fort-William.

Among Vancouver's Christmas Day weddings were those of Charles M. Frost and Miss Emma May Wakefield; Dr. George Vernon Tuckett and Miss Frances Jordan Dill; and Oscar Gordon and Miss Sarah Manse.

The C.P.R. has been asked to extend to settlers for this province the rates granted immigrants for the prairie provinces. The company officials promise that the request shall receive special consideration.

Three Christmas week weddings have just been celebrated at Cumberland, the principals being F. B. Cloutier and Miss Lizzie Potter, William Heed and Miss Maggie Jones, and George D. Westfield and Miss Beatrice Anthony.

A company capitalized at \$150,000 has been formed in Vancouver to manufacture the automatic car fender, crude oil burner, automatic dump car release and other inventions of Henry Clay Jordan of Vancouver.

The B. C. Electric Railway company is seeking to acquire five acres at North Vancouver, to be used as athletic grounds for the B.C.E.R.A., held out in tennis courts, cricket creases, football grounds, etc.

Three stowaways were returned to the steamship Foxley at Nanaimo last week, under orders of the immigration inspector. They had thought it a good idea to obtain a cheap passage up from Eureka, Cal.

The hold-up man is again active at Nanaimo. His latest victim is Alfred Wardill, who contributed \$40 in cash last Wednesday evening, in the persuasive presence of a very large revolver pointed at his head. The police are said to be nonplussed.

The Shuswap Light & Power Company has offered to purchase the Armstrong municipal plant and reduce the price of light in the entire valley from Skeamons to Penticton. A price of 10 cents per K.W.H. is proposed, the present rate being sixteen cents.

Murray's Corners Conservatives have organized and duly banqueted their member-elect, Frank J. Mackenzie. The officers of the new association are: William Crozier, president; H. McLeod, vice-president; Arthur Moore, secretary-treasurer.

The representatives of the Imperial Car, Shipbuilding & Dry Docks Co. met the district council of North Vancouver last week, to consider what that body in respect to the proposed establishment of a plant on the north shore of the Inlet. The matter will be further considered at a special meeting tonight.

Par passing a worthless cheque, William H. McCormick was sentenced to six months' hard labor by Judge Howay last week. McCormick was in trouble about six months ago, when he was arrested for defrauding C. D. Rand of \$15,000 on a land deal. The case was settled out of court.

The line of the Canadian Northern has now been located all the way from Tete Jaune Cache to fifteen miles from New Westminster. The advance engineering party reached Langley last Wednesday. It is expected that the line will be located to West Vancouver during the ensuing fortnight.

A number of the cars that will be turned out next season for the B. C. Electric Railway company will be of entirely new type. The principal change consists in the arrangement of the front platform to permit of the exit of passengers. A number of cars will also be of the pay-as-you-enter type.

Freight is now accepted on the Kootenay section of the V. & E., and a passenger timetable will be issued by New Year's. The stations are at an average distance of 4½ miles apart, and are: Keremeos, Ashnola, Bradshaw, Hedley, Cory, Bromley, Norman, Allison, and Princeton, the present terminal point.

Construction work at Alberni, on the railway extension, was begun several days ago, ten camps being established, giving employment to 500 men. Mr. Janse, the contractor, is confident that he will have his work completed by next autumn. All the work has been sub-let. There is some heavy work in the neighborhood of Alberni, where the Paterson Construction company, of Victoria, has several large gangs engaged in blasting operations.

Believed to be Drowned. Martin Beckmark, well-known in Kaslo, is believed to have been drowned in Kootenay Lake. He went into Kaslo last week by boat from Schroeder creek, where he was ranching, and left on the return trip. He has not been seen since. As soon as his disappearance became known, search parties patrolled the lake shores in hopes of finding the body or boat, but for some days were unsuccessful. On Monday last a party went out in A. T. Garland's launch to search the southern shore from this city. After proceeding as far as a good search point they steered across the lake and came up the opposite side. On reaching Deer Creek the boat with one oar was found in the bay. The supposition is that the unfortunate man put ashore somewhere to warm himself and in pushing the boat on, again fell overboard and was drowned. It is hard to conjecture where the supposed landing was made, as a stiff gale from the north swept down the lake, taking the boat with it to where it was found.

Tragedy Prevents Wedding. Tragically intervened to prevent a wedding ceremony announced to take place at Nelson on Christmas Eve. The tragedy was the sudden death at Revelstoke of John Thaw Kirkland, fourth son of the late John Kirkland, late chief justice of Glasgow, Scotland. The body is being shipped from Revelstoke to New York to the care of Mrs. Thaw, mother of Harry Thaw. Mrs. Thaw is an aunt of deceased. From New York the body will be shipped to Scotland. The news, telegraphed to Nelson Wednesday night, caused the postponement of the ceremony that was to have united the deceased's sister, Miss Nellie Kirkland, of Calgary, and Dr. William Leslie Martin, of Revelstoke, in wedlock. Miss Kirkland arrived from Calgary one week ago. Dr. J. C. Kirkland, a younger brother of the deceased, arrived in Nelson five weeks ago to take up the practice of veterinary surgery. Miss Hazel Kirkland, another sister, arrived three weeks ago from Macleod, where she had been a nurse, to attend the ceremony. Mrs. Dr. Mowatt, of Victoria, is another sister. Deceased, who was 24 years of age, left Scotland November 11, to travel for his health, being accompanied by his grandmother, Lady Todd Osburn, of Newton-Mearns, Scotland, and was on his way back from the coast when he suddenly succumbed to heart failure. He was the first to die in a family of ten girls and five boys. The deceased was head of the large baking concern of Kirkland Bros., employing 200 hands.

Alberni's Conservative Association holds its annual meeting tomorrow evening.

Alberni continues to agitate for road improvements and a better mail service.

The busy burglar is reported to be operating with but poor success at Alberni.

The New Alberni Athletic Club is asking the townsfolk to set aside a tract of land for future use as an athletic park.

Arlington Musselman, a C.P.R. brakeman whose home is in Bellingham, received serious injuries Christmas morning, by falling from his train at Vancouver. His injuries are not regarded as especially serious.

During a quarrel resulting from a drinking bout, Robert Saunders of Alberni had his arm broken and received other serious injuries, inflicted with an axe in the hands of his brother Frederick. The offender was placed under arrest by Chief Constable Cox.

Cariboo Wants Phone Line. Just before the last federal election, a petition was circulated throughout Cariboo asking the Dominion government for a telephone service throughout Cariboo. So far nothing has been done in the matter beyond using the telephone line as a telephone connection between Clinton and the 83 Mile House and between Quesnel and Barkerville. Now, however, the plan is again being brought forward, but this time as a provincial measure, and the provincial government will shortly be asked to install a telephone service between Ashcroft and Barkerville separate from the telephone line. The time has arrived when much traffic, both passenger and freight, will be taken through Ashcroft. The "Gateway" for the northern points, as well as Tete Jaune Cache and a telephone line would prove of great value and incalculable benefit to all those interested in the development of Cariboo and northern British Columbia. The cost of constructing such a telephone system need not necessarily be a stumbling block in its path, as, properly handled, a considerable revenue could be derived from its operation. The present telephone tariff is certainly high, twenty-five cents for a ten word message, almost a prohibitive rate for a telephone, and the length of the proposed line could be overcome by two or three relay points.

Tenders are invited. Tenders are now being invited for construction of the V. & E. line between Abbotsford and Hope, 78 miles, and also between Princeton and Tulameen. The gap between Tulameen and Hope is to be covered by the proposed eight-mile tunnel. Messrs. Charles P. Folliott, of Guthrie and Co., of St. Paul, and J. A. Kellett, of Foley, Welsh and Stewart, are now in Vancouver in connection with the tendering, and J. H. Kennedy, chief engineer of the telegraph and railway company is also in Vancouver.

The engineer's office for the accommodation of the staff employed on V. & E. construction west of Princeton, has been completed. Engineer Hale will be chief of staff and have charge of the grading work as far as Tulameen. From present indications it looks as if Jim Hill's artillery will be peppering away at the rock fortresses as soon as the holiday armistice is over.

Engineer Russell, now revising the line between Granite Creek and Princeton, is expected to finish the proposed right-of-way has been purchased as yet. The Russell party will proceed to Oroville, and run a line up the Okanagan river to Penticton. The Great Northern is alive to the great productiveness of the fertile Okanagan valley when water is created, and is striving for the fruit tonnage to be hauled to the Northwest provinces and the Kootenays. It will be a welcome competitor to the C. P. R.

Petition Goes To Ottawa. The petition of the cities of Vancouver and North Vancouver, South Vancouver, Burnaby, and Port Moody, which was also signed by the parties proposing to incorporate the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge company, was forwarded to Ottawa on December 16. This petition asked for the passing of a bill to empower the company to build a tunnel under the First narrows and a bridge over the Second narrows of Burrard Inlet. The draft of the proposed bill was forwarded several days ago to Ottawa. It has not yet been determined who will present it in the house of commons. It was announced last Thursday by Rev. A. Naught, of North Vancouver that the company, which is to be capitalized for \$3,000,000, has now sufficient money in sight to build the bridge, even though the cities and municipalities failed to interest themselves in the company to a large extent financially. The construction of a tunnel is not a matter of moment at present. It is believed, however, that it will ultimately be built.

Either a high-level double-deck, or a low-level, single-deck bridge will be built across the Second narrows, says the Rev. A. Naught, in other cases, provision will be made for steam railway and tram tracks, and for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

No interview has taken place between Mr. John Hendry and any representative of the municipalities or cities since Mr. Hendry returned from Ottawa.

At Ottawa, Mr. George H. Cowan, M. P., has placed himself on record as strongly opposed to the idea of any private company monopolizing the Second narrows, the only site for a bridge across Burrard Inlet.

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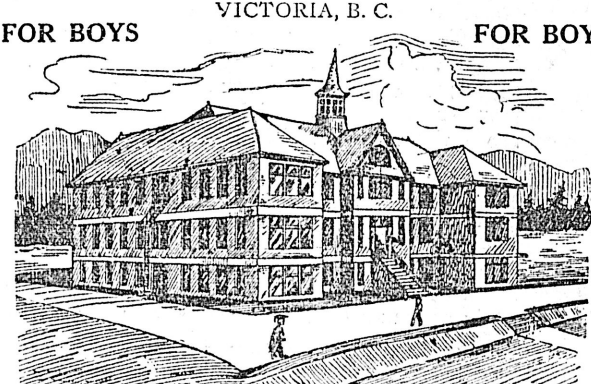
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JOSEPH CHIDES HIS ERRING BRETHREN

The Stormy Petrel of Canadian
Politics Writes in Characteristic Strain

Even in the excitement and constant activity of an election campaign in which he is himself a candidate, and a political situation generally that is regarded almost as epochal by all close students of Old Country politics, Hon. Joseph Martin, erstwhile known as "the Stormy Petrel of Canadian politics," finds time to send another of his characteristic letters to his old friends in British Columbia, which epistle is given space in the Saturday Sunset (Vancouver). Mr. Martin emphatically denies that he has lost touch with British Columbia affairs, or wrote without precise and ample information when just before the late election he counselled the people of this province to mark their ballots for the representatives of Premier McBride.

This latest letter from the irrepressible Joseph was evoked by editorial comment in the Sunset to the effect that Mr. Martin had lost touch with the province, in respect to whose affairs he offered to give guidance.

Says he in reply: "Sir—I have just received your issue of the 13th inst., containing a criticism of my letter opposing the Liberals. The election is of course over but my objections to Mr. Oliver and his supporters go deeper than the issue of the general election so I venture to offer a reply to you."

In the first place you suggest that I am out of touch with conditions and that if I were in Vancouver I would support the Liberal ticket. I cannot understand on what you base this statement. I would like you to name a single consideration affecting the political position of which I am ignorant. I read your editorials weekly and besides have access to all the leading newspapers of British Columbia. I also see from time to time prominent men of British Columbia, so that I feel sure that I have just as thorough a knowledge of political conditions there as when I left eight months ago.

It is true that when I wrote the letter which appeared in the News-Advertiser of the 10th inst., I did not know who the Liberal candidates for Vancouver were, but I learned their names on the 10th and at once cabled to the friend to whom I sent the letter, an emphatic confirmation of my letter.

I consider that the Liberal ticket in Vancouver was solid for Kelly.

Analyses Personnel. Quite apart from that in my opinion the gentlemen in question were not calculated to inspire much confidence in a public way.

Every one knows that the administration of the Yukon by the Dominion government during the palmy days of that district smiled to heaven. Mr. Wade was an official and closely in touch with the government and it all and has never raised his voice in condemnation.

Mr. Senkler does not appear to have any political principles. A few years ago he supported his partner, Mr. Charles Wilson, while that gentleman was a member of the McBride administration, and it was probably worse then than it is now.

Both Mr. Wade and Mr. Senkler told me personally that money had been demanded from them by the Liberal machine in return for appointment as a judge and then denied the statement upon oath.

Mr. George Macdonald has never been active in political life, but he has long been known as one of Mr. Kelly's loyal henchmen.

Mr. Stables was elected as a supporter of mine in 1900, but after he got to the House he was prepared to vote an immense land grant to the Canadian Northern Railway company in violation of the platform of the Liberal party.

Mr. Campbell belongs to a class of men whom I have never been able to understand. Personally honest, he has yet ever been ready to condone the open graft of the leaders of the Liberal party. To my mind men of this kind are the most reprehensible of all, as their attitude suggests that they do not consider probity and honesty essential in political life.

All these men supported Mr. McInnes as the candidate for Vancouver a year ago and Mr. McInnes openly declared himself the nominee of Mr. Kelly and supported his management of the Liberal cause in Vancouver.

No Change of Heart.

You state that since I left conditions have changed in Vancouver with regard to the Liberal party. I see no signs of a change. It is true that a very few supporters of mine were on the nomination papers of the Liberal candidates. I have the greatest respect for these gentlemen and no doubt they felt that they had good reasons for their action. I am sure, however, that every one of them feels just the same with regard to the Liberal party in Vancouver as they did when they supported me in the fight against graft a year ago.

So far as the agreement with the Canadian Northern is concerned, I am very much opposed to it, but that would not induce me to vote for a gang who if they came to power would be likely to enter into much worse agreements.

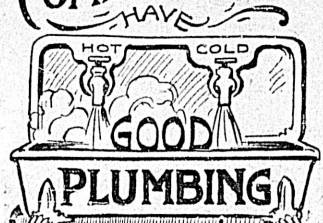
Bad as the Canadian Northern deal is, it cannot in my opinion be compared with the Grand Trunk Pacific contract.

So far as the action of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper to which you refer is concerned, I commend it very highly. He finds his party going wrong and does not hesitate to condemn it. He is, however, in a different position from me. He is a Conservative. I am a Liberal. I cannot support Mr. Tupper when he throws himself unreservedly into the arms of the Kelly crowd, even if I have to support a government which under other circumstances I would be glad to oppose.

It seems to me that the moral to be drawn from all this is the necessity of forming a new party. Both the present parties are thoroughly rotten and show no signs whatever of reforming themselves. The people are, however, sound but indifferent and need to be roused. The privileges of citizenship are not, after all, of much value when all a general election offers is a choice between two evils. I would like to see Sir Charles H. Tupper and a number of other men with independent minds join together to establish a new party, having the welfare of the people as its platform. Yours truly,

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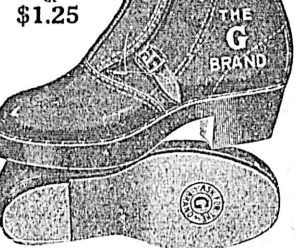
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After Christmas Shopping—Then Comes New Year Buying

No matter how particular or thoughtful a person may seem to be during the Christmas shopping, there is in nearly every instance someone who has been overlooked—probably a gift from some unexpected source, or something of this kind has come to light. Then it remains up to you to show some sort of appreciation by sending some little token. You will find this store offers many splendid suggestions.

A visit to the different departments may be of advantage to you.

Ladies' Hosiery Specially Priced

LADIES' CASHMERE HOSE, with fancy colored embroidery, \$1.25, \$1.00 and **75¢**
LADIES' FINE CASHMERE HOSE, natural wool foot. **75¢**
LADIES' HEAVY CASHMERE HOSE, black and tan. Per pair **50¢**
LADIES' BLACK CASHMERE HOSE, seamless feet. **35¢**
LADIES' FULL-FASHIONED HOSE, ribbed and plain. **25¢**

New Year Neckwear for Women, Misses and Girls

LACE STOCK COLLAR, white and cream **25¢**
FANCY LAWN AND IMITATION IRISH LACE JABOTS. Price **25¢**
FANCY SILK BOWS, trimmed jet drops **25¢**
ALL-SILK TIES, with fancy ends **25¢**
FANCY BOW TIES, with fancy buckles **35¢**
FANCY NET STOCK COLLARS, trimmed colored braid **35¢**
EMBROIDERED LINEN COLLARS. Sizes 12½ to 14. Prices, 35¢ and **25¢**
JABOTS of imitation Irish lace, with bow to match. **35¢**
GUIPURE AND ORIENTAL LACE STOCK COLLARS. **50¢**
FANCY SILK AND SATIN TIES, all colors, with jet slide **50¢**
SILK CORD TIES, with steel and gilt bead drop ends. **50¢**
BLACK VELVET RIBBON BOWS, good quality. **50¢**
COAT COLLARS of heavy Guipure lace **50¢**
LAWN JABOTS, neatly embroidered **50¢**
EMBROIDERED DUTCH COLLARS of fine lawn, edged with lace **50¢**
COLLAR AND CUFF SETS of imitation Irish lace. Set. **75¢**
KNITTED SILK TIES, with tassel ends, in white only. **75¢**
FANCY NET COLLARS, trimmed lace and ribbon. **75¢**
FANCY COLLARS, trimmed lace and silk cord. **75¢**
BLACK NET COLLARS, trimmed duchesse ribbon. **75¢**
IMITATION IRISH LACE COLLARS, jabot to match. **75¢**
FANCY EMBROIDERED LAWN DUTCH COLLARS. **75¢**
DUTCH COLLARS of imitation Battenburg, with Irish lace edging **75¢**
CREAM NET STOCK, with jabot to match **75¢**
COAT COLLAR, of embroidered lawn, with Irish lace edging. Price **\$1.00**
GUIPURE AND FANCY APPLIQUE LACE COLLARS, full shape **\$1.00**
FANCY LACE COLLARETTES, in white, cream and black. Price **\$1.00**
STOCK COLLAR AND JABOT of net, with black duchesse band **\$1.00**
FANCY LACE AND LAWN DUTCH COLLARS **\$1.00**
FANCY LACE STOCKS, handsome pattern, in cream. **\$1.25**
IMITATION IRISH LACE DUTCH COLLAR. **\$1.25**
FANCY SILK AND NET COLLARS, in neat box. **\$1.25**
LAWN STOCK, trimmed lace, with jabot attached. **\$1.25**
FANCY CHIFFON STOCK, with dainty lace medallions and ribbed gold gauze ribbon **\$1.50**
FANCY COLLAR of chiffonette, trimmed lace jet buttons and gauze ribbon **\$1.50**
IMITATION IRISH DUTCH COLLARS, very handsome design **\$1.75**
LAWN AND LACE TRIMMED STOCK, with jabot attached **\$2.00**
FANCY LACE DUTCH COLLAR, nice full shape. **\$2.00**
FANCY NET STOCK COLLAR, with jabot attached, trimmed duchesse satin and fancy buckles **\$2.50**
RICH LACE COAT AND CUFF SET, beautiful patterns. Per set **\$2.50**
DUTCH COLLAR, with Valenciennes lace jabot attached, hand embroidered **\$3.50**

New Year Gift Suggestions in Rugs

Nothing more suitable than one of these beautiful Hearth Rugs or Carpet Squares.

AXMINSTER HEARTH RUGS

HEARTH RUGS, heavy Axminster, in a fine range of beautiful colorings and designs:

Size 54 x 27 inches. Special, each **\$2.50**
Size 60 x 36 inches. Special, each **\$3.75**

HEARTH RUGS, heavy Axminster, in a beautiful assortment of Oriental, conventional, floral and two-toned effects. Sizes 27 x 54 inches to 36 x 72 inches. Each, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.75, \$5.00, \$6.00 and **\$7.50**

MOHAIR HEARTH RUGS—These rugs have a soft, silky finish which adds greatly to the appearance of the rug. They come in solid shades of green, crimson, gold, blue, cream, black and grey. Sizes 27 x 50 inches to 36 x 72 inches. Each \$4.00, \$6.75, \$9.00 and **\$12.00**

CARPET SQUARES

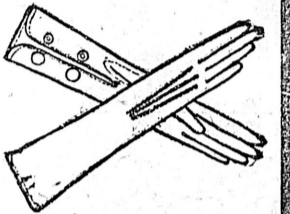
We are now in a position to supply any requirement in Carpet Squares, as we have just received a shipment of new Axminsters, Wiltons and Brussels Squares in all the stock sizes, varying in prices from \$12.00 to **\$75.00**



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Gloves for the New Year

LADIES' GLACE KID GLOVES, all colors, Perrin's make **\$1.00**
LADIES' CHAMOIS GLOVES, white and natural **\$1.00**
LADIES' MOCHA KID GLOVES, tan, grey and black. Price **\$1.25**
LADIES' GLACE KID GLOVES, all newest shades, "Trefousse" make **\$1.50**
LADIES' SUEDE KID GLOVES, tan, beaver, slate, white and black **\$1.50**
LADIES' HEAVY PIQUE SEWN GLOVES, all shades **\$1.75**
LADIES' FLEECE-LINED MOCHA KID GLOVES, in browns only, \$1.75 and **\$1.50**
LADIES' SILK LINED MOCHA GLOVES, in tan, grey black **\$1.75**
CHILDREN'S LINED AND UNLINED KID GLOVES, browns only, 75¢ and **\$1.00**
CHILDREN'S FLEECE-LINED MOCHA MITT'S, fur tops, grey and tans **75¢**



Southall's Accouchement Sets

Containing the following carefully selected assortment of necessary appliances and adjuncts for use in confinement cases:

1 Sanitary Wool Accouchement Sheet, 28 in. x 25 in.
1 Sanitary Wool Accouchement Sheet, 28 in. x 22 in.
3 Packets Southall's Sanitary Towels.
1 Packet Infants' Knappinettes.
1 Obstetric Binder.
1 Packet Cotton Wool.
1 Packet Absorbent Dressing Pads.
1 Large Mackintosh Sheet.
1 Small Mackintosh Sheet.
1 Box Linen Thread.
1 Box Boracic Powder.
1 Tube Southall's Special Antiseptic Jelly.
1 Box Specially Prepared Fuller's Earth.
1 Box Safety Pins.
1 Packet Vaccination Pads.
1 Packet Antiseptic Umbilical Pads.

By purchasing one of these sets you will save trouble and money, besides getting a full supply of the very best articles procurable.

We sell the above set at **\$7.50** and a smaller one at **\$4.50**. Southall best quality Absorbent Cotton Wool in packets—1 lb. 45¢, 8 oz. 25¢, 4 oz. 15¢, 2 oz. 10¢, 1 oz. 5¢.

Southall's Absorbent Gauze, per packet 15¢.
Southall's Boracic Gauze, per packet 15¢.
Southall's White Open Wove Bandages (3 inch 10¢, 2½ inch 2 for 15¢, 2 inch, 1½ inch and 1 inch, 5¢ each).

ALL PATENT MEDICINES AND TOILET ARTICLES AT REDUCED PRICES.

Shoes That Stand Service



That Is One Certain Test of Superiority, After All Is Said and Done



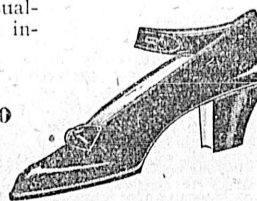
A GOOD WALKING BOOT—Gun metal calfskin, medium toe and heel **\$4.00**
A DRESS BOOT—Patent leather, Blucher, dull kid top, Cuban heel **\$4.00**
A POPULAR STYLE—Glazed kid Blucher, patent tip, Goodyear welts **\$4.00**
A BOOT FOR COMFORT—Soft, glazed kid, cushion insoles, very flexible **\$5.00**
PATENT KID LACE BOOTS—Plain toe, short vamp, high Cuban heel **\$5.50**
PATENT COLT BUTTON BOOTS—Dull kid tops. Very dressy and good style **\$5.50**
GUN METAL CALFSKIN—On very smart last, Cuban heel and narrow toe **\$5.00**
OLD LADIES' COMFORT BOOT—Of soft pliable kid, light turn soles and common-sense heel. Price **\$4.00**

Ball Slippers for the Dancing Season

Our showing of Ball Slippers is unusually large and varied this season. They include—

SATIN SLIPPERS, in white, blue, pink, grey and canary, with or without straps. Prices, \$3.50, \$3.00, **\$2.50**
KID SLIPPERS, in white, pink and blue. Price **\$3.75**
GOLD AND SILVER STRAP SLIPPERS **\$3.00**

BRONZE KID STRAP SLIPPERS, beaded. Price **\$5.50**
BLACK VELVETEEN STRAP SLIPPERS, Rhinestone ornament **\$4.50**
BLACK KID OR PATENT LEATHER SLIPPERS. Many choice styles, from **\$2.50**



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Chocolates Are Most Dainty Gifts. Special at **40¢**

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